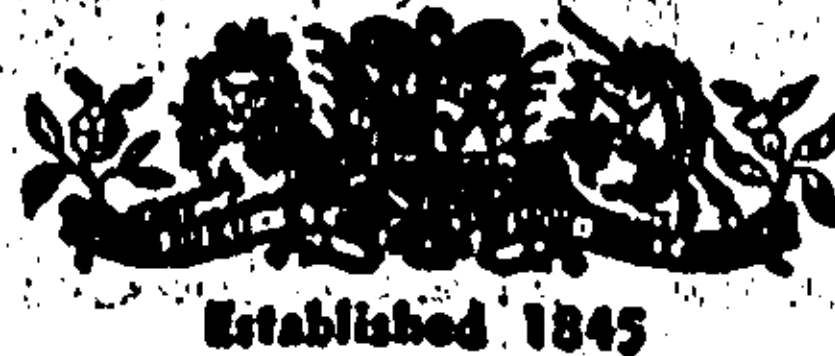


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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Middle East

Mr Foster Dulles' press conference, instead of helping to clarify the results of the Bermuda deliberations, draws even bigger question marks as to whether or not Britain and the United States reached any definite agreements for dealing with the Middle East problem. But it would appear that whatever the measures of agreement, it was limited.

Nothing apparently was put down in writing except a procedural understanding for refurbishing the old intelligence arrangements between the United States, Britain, Canada and other NATO allies, for alert in case of a Soviet attack. No definite agreement, it seems, was reached on what policies the British and American governments would pursue in the Middle East under various contingencies depending on the success of Mr Hammarskjold's mission to Cairo. In this direction the most Mr Dulles could hope for was that the exchange of views on the wide variety of possible "contingencies" would contribute in due course to the formulation of a common policy.

ALL this puts the Bermuda talks and what they achieved into a somewhat new perspective. They were useful without yielding decisive results. And so far as the Middle East problem is concerned the British and American governments continue to follow independent lines of thought and emphasis. There is agreement on principles, but no understanding on any line of action.

The outcome of the Hammarskjold-Nasser deliberations may provide the opportunity for creating that understanding. Nasser has, presumably, generalised his attitude to the related questions of the future of the Gulf of Aqaba and the continued presence of the UNCTE in the Gaza Strip. Mr Hammarskjold's task has been to impress on the Egyptian President the necessity of Egypt's respect for and adherence to the six principles laid down by the Security Council for composing the Middle East situation.

WHATEVER the degree of understanding reached between the two men, it can be safely anticipated that President Nasser will insist on one thing—that Egypt retains full right to control and operate the Suez Canal. Moreover there are indications emerging from the talks between Mr Macmillan and Mr St Laurent, the Canadian Prime Minister, that Britain realises this right will have to be conceded. Nor would the Canal users find it difficult to do so if Nasser at the same time makes suitable concessions concerning the payment of tolls, and is prepared to negotiate a Convention that guarantees for all time and under all conditions complete freedom of navigation for international shipping without exceptions.

With her national finances and economy seriously strained, it is just as essential for Egypt to have the Canal fully functioning as soon as possible as it is important for the users of the waterway to resume their shipping traffic. All parties therefore stand to benefit from a speedy and appropriate agreement. Mr Hammarskjold has described his talks in Cairo as being "useful", which suggests that he has found President Nasser amenable to the acceptance of the United Nations principles for settlement of the Middle East dispute. If this proves to be the case the way would be opened to a negotiated agreement governing the future of the Canal and for ending the state of war between Egypt and Israel.

SOVIET WARNING TO NORWAY

Dangerous To Establish Defence Bases

Oslo, Mar. 26.

The Soviet Union, in a note sternly warned Norway, a NATO member, of "immense danger" if she allowed her territory to be used for Western defence bases.

If war came, the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, said in a letter to the Norwegian Premier, Mr Einar Gerhardsen, it would "mean a catastrophe even to states with a greater territory than Norway."

The Soviet Union would be "forced to the most energetic measures to liquidate immediately bases built for aggression," he said.

Marshal Bulganin's "let us be frank" letter indicated Soviet fears that Norwegian territory would be used for NATO guided missile and rocket bases. None such is here now.

Dated March 21, the message was delivered to Premier Gerhardsen last Thursday by the Soviet Ambassador, Mr M. C. Gribanov. It was released by the Foreign Ministry today after considerable secret discussion by the Government and the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee.

UNDETERMINED CONSIDERATION

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said only that the 3,000-word letter was "under consideration" and that an answer would be given "in due time." He declined to comment further.

Marshal Bulganin said that the world came very close to another war during the Anglo-Egyptian action in Egypt last November.

"It is no secret that for some days in November last year we all faced a serious threat of war," he said.

But tension "still prevails," he said. "The fact that you are at the head of a labour government," he told the Norwegian Premier, "makes it possible for me to express myself with particular frankness—both on Norse-Soviet relations and on special questions in the international situation."

Marshal Bulganin said that the United States "does not conceal its intention to use armed forces in the Near East. Not long ago it was known that plans were to station special American units with atomic weapons in a number of countries, above all NATO countries, and to equip with atomic weapons the West German Army and the armies of some other participants of this military group."

NOT AVAILABLE

Marshal Bulganin noted that Norway so far had not made bases available to "foreign armed forces," but he added: "Let us be frank. This does not entirely solve the problem. For the first time, Norway is not a member of an alliance directed against a great power which is her neighbour, Norway is not only forced to put her territory at the disposal of foreign staffs (Northern NATO Headquarters at Kolsaas near Oslo) and to put her greatest national wealth, the

merchant marine, at the disposal of NATO military purposes, but Norwegian territory is in fact available at any moment to NATO armed forces against the Soviet Union."

"Although there are no such forces on Norwegian soil today," said the letter, "the situation may change overnight, even against the will of the people and Government of Norway."

ENERGETIC MEASURES

The Soviet Premier asked that he be clearly understood on this point.

"Considering the circumstances," he said, "we do not call upon your Government to renounce the North Atlantic Treaty, today or tomorrow, although our attitude toward this treaty is well known."

"Though it has no intention of attacking anyone, the Soviet Union would, in response to aggressive actions against it, be forced to the most energetic measures to liquidate immediately bases built for aggression. It is not difficult to imagine the immense danger to which Norway exposes herself by letting her territory be exploited by aggressive circles of certain great powers."

"The crushing force of modern arms is so big that those blows which are handed out to destroy the bases of the aggressors indisputably will hit great areas around those bases, which would mean a catastrophe even to states with a greater territory than Norway," said Marshal Bulganin.

Against this background, he invited Norway to join the Soviet views on disarmament.

NO OUTWARD CONCERN

"In the situation which has been created, the further strengthening of security in Northern Europe in many respects depends upon the Norwegian government, upon whether it is prepared to withstand the pressure of external aggressive forces which seek to create a tense situation on the northern border of the Soviet Union."

A lasting friendship between the Soviet Union and Norway, Marshal Bulganin said, "must of course in no way disturb the existing friendly relations between our two countries and other countries—such as Norway's relations with the United States and Great Britain. We, on our part, endeavour to keep good relations with the Western powers ourselves."

Norwegian Government circles showed no outward concern over the letter.—United Press.

Unions To Cooperate With Government

London, Mar. 26.

EFFORTS to settle Britain's 11-day-old shipyard strike took a decisive turn today when trade union and employers' leaders agreed to co-operate with a government-appointed court of inquiry into the dispute.

This agreement came little more than 12 hours after talks between both sides broke down completely last night on a new wage offer.

Mr Iain Macleod, the Minister of Labour, immediately announced he would set up a court of inquiry, but trade union

leaders postponed a decision on their attitude to the court until an executive meeting today.

Their meeting today decided to co-operate with the court of inquiry, whose composition is to be announced shortly.

Today, after further talks between the Minister and both sides, it was understood that the unions were ready to accept a five per cent increase on one condition.

This was that the rise should apply both to shipyard and engineering men, one million of whom are also on strike—as an interim settlement pending the inquiry, provided there was no standstill clause on future wage claims.—Reuter.

32 PERISH IN US BLIZZARD

New York, Mar. 26.

The devastating blizzard that swept across the American Middle West last weekend, today had left behind 32 dead, most of them motorists, as it moved with diminishing force towards the Atlantic coast.

At one time during the weekend 7,500 motorists were trapped by gigantic drifts of snow blocking the roads and trains were literally snowed under by the blizzard. The storm, which was accompanied by violent winds, was one of the worst to hit the Middle West in 30 years.

Today, 225 passengers trapped in a snowbound transcontinental train near Meade, Kansas, and 213 others on another express trapped near Wima, Kansas, were taken to safety after spending several icy days in the stranded trains.

Roads were blocked by the snow in New Mexico, Texas, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, Illinois and Indiana.

Many motorists abandoned their cars and sought to reach nearby farms or towns on foot. At one place, it took two men who had left their car, three hours to walk one mile to reach an isolated farm house.—France-Press.

UN SHOULD HELP HK REFUGEES

S'pore Comment

Singapore, Mar. 26.

A Chinese language newspaper here today urged the United Nations to help the Hong Kong Government in caring for refugees who cross the border from China.

A commentary in the vernacular Nanfang Evening Post said "the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration should have heard about the difficult conditions of the refugees in Hongkong long ago."

"We earnestly hope that the UNRRA will not remain deaf and blind and discriminate against them for their colour."

"This problem, though difficult to solve for the Hongkong Government, is easy to solve with the strength of UNO which has many experts on relief and rehabilitation."—Reuter.

Saudi Force In Aqaba Area

Cairo, Mar. 26.

The Middle East News Agency, quoting "responsible sources" in Amman, said today that Saudi Arabia forces took up positions in the Arab port area of Jordan on agreement among Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

Meanwhile informed sources declared in Jerusalem that Israel will not renounce its right to send ships through the Suez Canal.

These sources said that Israel's rights to freedom of navigation in the Gulf of Aqaba and the Suez Canal were vital and would be clearly defended.

Israel's right to use the Suez Canal was established by the UN Security Council decision of September, 1951 and was confirmed last October, these sources said.

No indication was given when Israeli ships would attempt to use the Suez Canal. The sources said the major powers would be informed in time of the Israeli decision of sending a ship through the Canal.—United Press and France-Press.

Cairo, Mar. 26.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr Fawzi, today saw seven foreign ambassadors and handed them each a note on his government's views on the Suez Canal.—Reuter.

ADAMS MURDER TRIAL COUNSEL CLASHES WITH DETECTIVE

London, Mar. 26.

The Defence Counsel in the murder trial of Dr John Bodkin Adams today clashed with a Scotland Yard detective superintendent over questions he had put to the family physician during a street meeting.

The detective, Herbert Hannam, headed investigations in the seaside town of Eastbourne which led to the arrest of Dr Adams on a charge of murdering a rich old widow, Mrs Edith Morrell.

He had testified that he met Dr Adams by chance outside the doctor's house.

Mr Geoffrey Lawrence, defending, suggested that there were too many coincidences for it to be a chance meeting.

He challenged: "The truth of the matter is that you were wilying him there, isn't it?"

'Almost Certain'

Superintendent Hannam: "Indeed I was not."

Mr Lawrence asked the detective if he knew at the time of this meeting that Mrs Morrell, before she died, had made a codicil to her will cutting Dr Adams out altogether.

Superintendent Hannam said he was "almost certain" he knew it then. He said he thought he also knew at the time that Dr Adams eventually was given a chest of silver and a Rolls-Royce by favour of Mrs Morrell's son—not under the will at all.

The defence counsel went on to ask why, if this was the case, Superintendent Hannam, during the interview had spoken to Dr Adams about Mrs Morrell's codicil certificate. On this the doctor had written that so far as he was aware he would not benefit from the widow's will.

Mr Lawrence: "You were drawing his attention to that certificate at that time as if he not only was a beneficiary under the will but knew he was a beneficiary under the will and had told a lie about it." Superintendent Hannam answered: "Yes."

Very Distressed

Mr Lawrence: "And all the time you knew he was not a beneficiary under the will?" Superintendent Hannam began to answer: "No Sir, he told me (...)" when Mr Lawrence snapped: "Please answer my question."

The detective said: "Yes, but he had just told me he knew he was in the will."

Mr Lawrence then put it to the detective he had not asked Dr Adams whether he knew Mrs Morrell had cut him out of her will.

The witness agreed he had not, Mr Lawrence questioned Superintendent Hannam about Dr Adams' arrest.

The detective said: "I think it is only fair to say that Dr Adams was very, very shaken indeed and was very distressed."—China Mail Special.



SUPT HANNAM

NEW QUAKE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Berkeley, Mar. 26.

Three new earthquakes shook the San Francisco area early this morning, waking a number of the inhabitants from sleep.

The shocks were much less violent than the series of quakes that shook the city last week.—France-Press.

S'pore, UK Agree On Major Point

London, Mar. 26.

Singapore and Britain today agreed "in broad principle" on one of the major points of a new constitution to give the Crown colony internal self-government.

The agreement on the appointment and duties of representatives of the Queen and of the British Government to the new "State of Singapore" is the first important result to emerge from two-week-old constitutional talks here.

Conference sources said after today's meeting that Britain had conceded Singapore's demand that the Queen's representative should be a local man and not a Briton. But the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd argued that to accord the representative the title of "Governor-General" might create constitutional problems. The sources said the Singapore delegation, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Lim Yew Hock, agreed and both sides are now trying to find another title.

TRADE & CULTURE

The conference, at two meetings totalling three and a half hours today, also agreed on some outstanding points on trade and cultural relations which Singapore will handle along with internal government.

The only other major issue still outstanding was the question of supervising the overlap between Singapore's maintenance of internal security and Britain's responsibility for external defence.—Reuter

GULF OF SUEZ MAY BE MINED

London, Mar. 26.

The British Government has told shipowners here that for technical reasons, including the possibility of mines in the gulf, that they should not use the Suez Canal for the present, authoritative quarters said today.

The Government will make no announcement about Canal dues until after Mr Dag Hammarskjold, United Nations Secretary-General, reports on his meetings in Egypt with Colonel Nasser. The sources said the technical question of the possibility of mines was not expected to remain in doubt very long—possibly only a matter of some days.

The sources thought also there would not be much delay before the Secretary-General reported, particularly on the questions of dues—which was vitally urgent—and on the long-term question of the six principles for a canal settlement enunciated by the United Nations Security Council late last year.—China Mail Special.

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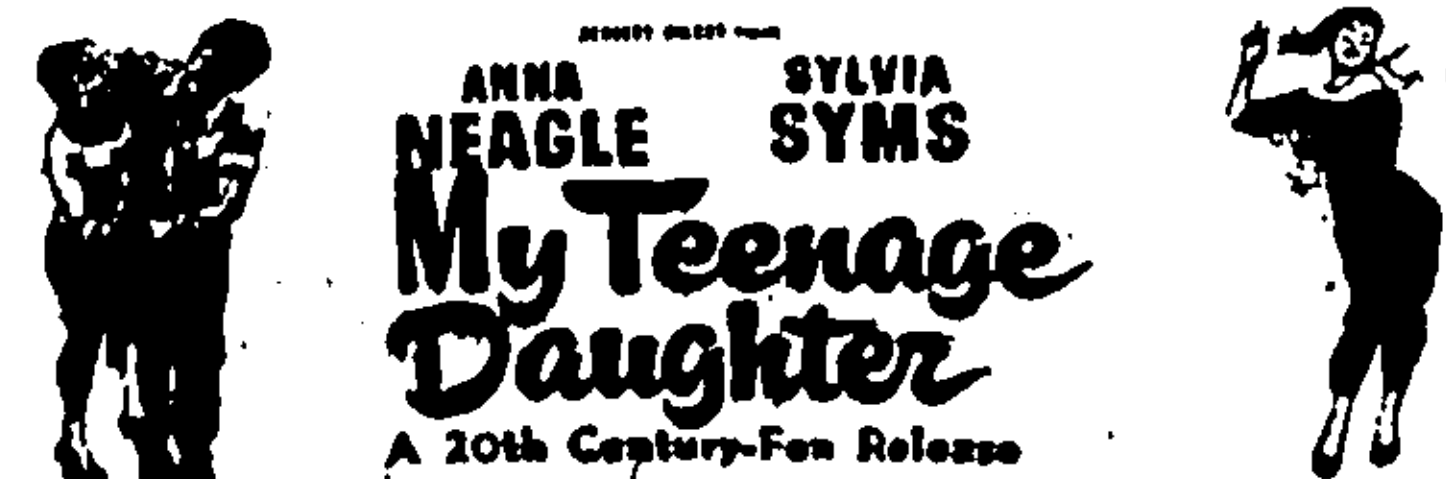
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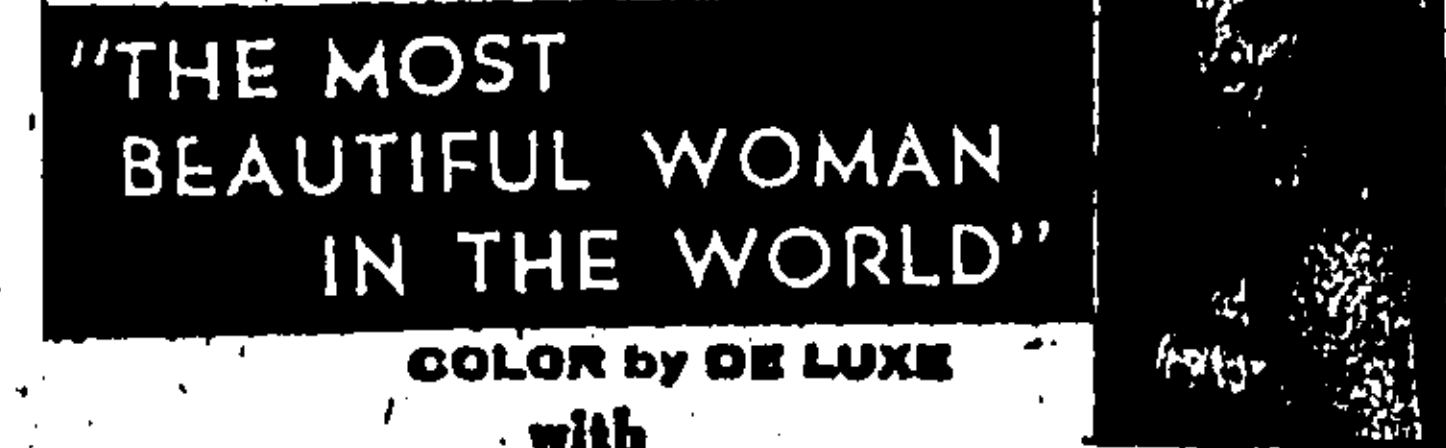
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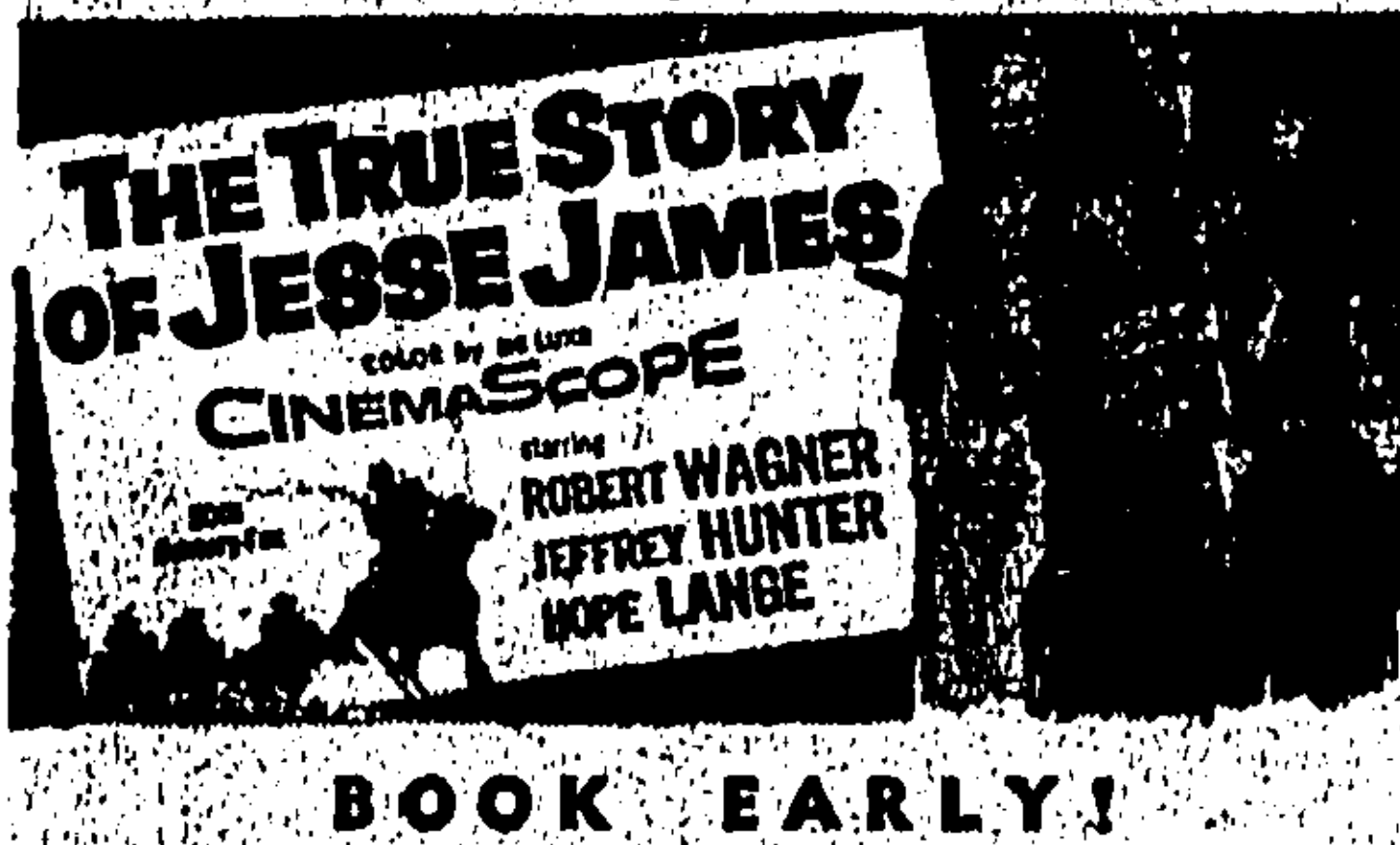
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BIG UK URANIUM DEAL

To Buy \$115 Million Worth From Canada In Next 5 Years BERMUDA TALKS END

Tuckers Town, Bermuda, Mar. 26.
Canada and Britain ended their two-day Bermuda conference tonight with indications of wide agreements.
The two Prime Ministers, Mr. Harold Macmillan and Mr. Louis St. Laurent, issued a 300-word statement covering the talks. With it was a 150-word annex announcing an agreement whereby Canada will sell Britain, over the next five years, uranium valued at \$115 million.

JAPAN'S 'BAN H-BOMB' PLEA GOES TO UN

United Nations, Mar. 26.
Mr. Toshikazu Kase, permanent representative of Japan to the United Nations, transmitted today to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the text of a resolution of the House of Councillors of Japan, on the prohibition of atom and hydrogen bombs, together with a letter from the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

The resolution urges "the United Nations and the powers concerned to take speedy, effective and appropriate measures for limiting the use of atomic energy exclusively to peaceful purposes and for the total prohibition of production, use and testing of atom and hydrogen bombs".

In transmitting these documents, Mr. Kase said: "My Government specifically instructs me to stress the fact that this resolution of the House of Councillors is prompted by the earnest solicitude of the Japanese people for peace, having experienced the calamitous effects of nuclear weapons of mass destruction."

Furthermore, my government would like to express the most sincere desire that the United Nations will be good enough to endeavour to assist in assisting speedy fulfilment of the said resolution."

The Prime Minister writes that he would be grateful to the Secretary-General if the latter would circulate copies of the resolution to the members of the United Nations as a United Nations document. — France-Press.



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Now A Bid To Control Guided Missiles

London, Mar. 26.
The five-power U.N. disarmament conference agreed today to put international control of guided missiles and rockets on its agenda.

But the Bermuda "open tests" proposal and Russia's own call for a temporary ban on atomic test explosions still had not been officially raised as the session reached the middle of its second week.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Valerian Zorin, mentioned the Eisenhower-Macmillan proposal for exchanging observers at nuclear tests during the day. He said the Soviet Union could not be bound by communications issued at conferences at which there was no Soviet representative.

Seven-point Agenda

Mr. Zorin did not mention the Soviet Government's counter-proposal, issued while the conference was still in session, to impose a temporary ban on nuclear tests while negotiations continue.

Informal sources said the delegates wound up "general discussions" today and agreed on seven-point agenda for detailed negotiations:

- ★ Reduction of conventional arms and expenditures.
- ★ Internal control organizations and inspection systems to enforce conventional reductions.
- ★ Nuclear armaments reduction, control and elimination.
- ★ Nuclear tests.
- ★ Missiles and rockets.
- ★ Zones of armament limitation, in case it is decided to start disarmament only in certain areas.
- ★ Other disarmament problems.

Officials said it was assumed the five-nation conference would take up the subjects in this order but they reserved the right to amend the order tomorrow if desired. — United Press.

According to Reuters, the Soviet Union pressed for immediate discussion today to halt nuclear test explosions, a Western conference source stated.

Mr. Valerian Zorin, Soviet delegate, urged that this subject should be put at the head of the agenda as the Soviet Government in Moscow announced it was prepared to reach agreement with the West for immediate temporary cessation of atomic tests.

Socialists' Gain In Thailand

Bangkok, Mar. 26.
The socialist group in the new National Assembly was increased to 19 seats today when the Opposition Seri Prachathipat (free democratic) Party announced it is joining forces with the Socialist Front.

Mr. Amporn Suwanrol, deputy party leader, told a press conference his party will oppose a pro-West policy and struggle for a nationalist policy as well as work for socialism in Thailand.

Mr. Amporn who visited Communist China last year revealed today a deal has now been concluded for sales to Communist China of 100,000 tons of rice.

He declined to divulge details but said China was paying in sterling at higher than market price. — Reuters.

Liberals Appeal To St. Laurent

London, Mar. 26.

The British Liberal Candidates Association, has sent a cable to M. Louis St. Laurent, Canadian Prime Minister, now in Bermuda, asking him to use his influence with the Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, to stop Britain's forthcoming H-bomb tests.

The cable said the Association was gravely disturbed by growing scientific and medical evidence of radiation dangers of H-bomb testing.

It appealed to St. Laurent as Liberal Prime Minister of Canada "in the name of humanity to use your influence with the British Prime Minister to stop the H-bomb test planned for Christmas Island."

"We salute you for taking the initiative which led to the creation of the United Nations Emergency Force, and respectfully implore you once again to take the initiative — this time against the test to posterity."

"If a lead to suspend all H-bomb tests could be taken by Britain, then children already alive and yet unborn may be spared physical and mental deformities and death."

The British Liberal Party has five members in the House of Commons. — France-Press.

An extension of this deal for a longer period would be considered at the end of the first five years of its operation, it was said. The uranium would supply the raw materials for Britain's atomic energy programme.

The communiqué reveals among the subjects discussed were the Anglo-American joint declaration on nuclear tests which was one of the leading results of the Anglo-U.S. conference here last week. The Canadians welcomed it warmly.

Other subjects discussed included settlements of short-term problems in the Middle East and other political and economic problems of the area.

Silence On Defence

Canada expressed interest in proposals for closer association between the United Kingdom and Europe and examined the effect of the common market and free trade area in Europe on Canadian trade.

They recognized the need to strengthen the workings of the United Nations. They refused to reveal anything that arose during their defence discussions.

There was little indication in the communiqué of how full agreement was on most subjects discussed. But it was known from conference sources that the Anglo-Canadian views coincide or are quite close on most matters in the field of world politics.

The only mention of "differences" in the document appears in the last paragraph of the communiqué, which says: "While there may from time to time appear to be differences in their approach or reaction to international developments, the two governments are confident that their special relationship will always enable them to work together effectively with constructive purpose."

Canada's Exports

One of the most important results of the conference is the British decision to buy uranium from Canada. The British is assured supplies for its vast expansion programme that eventually will give the United Kingdom more than a score of atomic energy plants.

This will relieve British industry of dependence on lessening home production of coal and the dollar strain of buying American coal.

Canada exported uranium worth about \$300 million last year, mostly to the United States, and expects to export \$350 million this year.

Whether exports to Britain were included in this second figure is not yet known.

Canada would find it difficult to continue to participate in the United Nations Emergency Force in the Middle East if Egypt or Israel made it impossible for the Force to carry out its functions entrusted to it by the United Nations, Canada said at the meeting between the Prime Ministers.

A Canadian spokesman said Canada made it clear that it wanted to make the principle of the emergency force work and would only withdraw as a last resort.

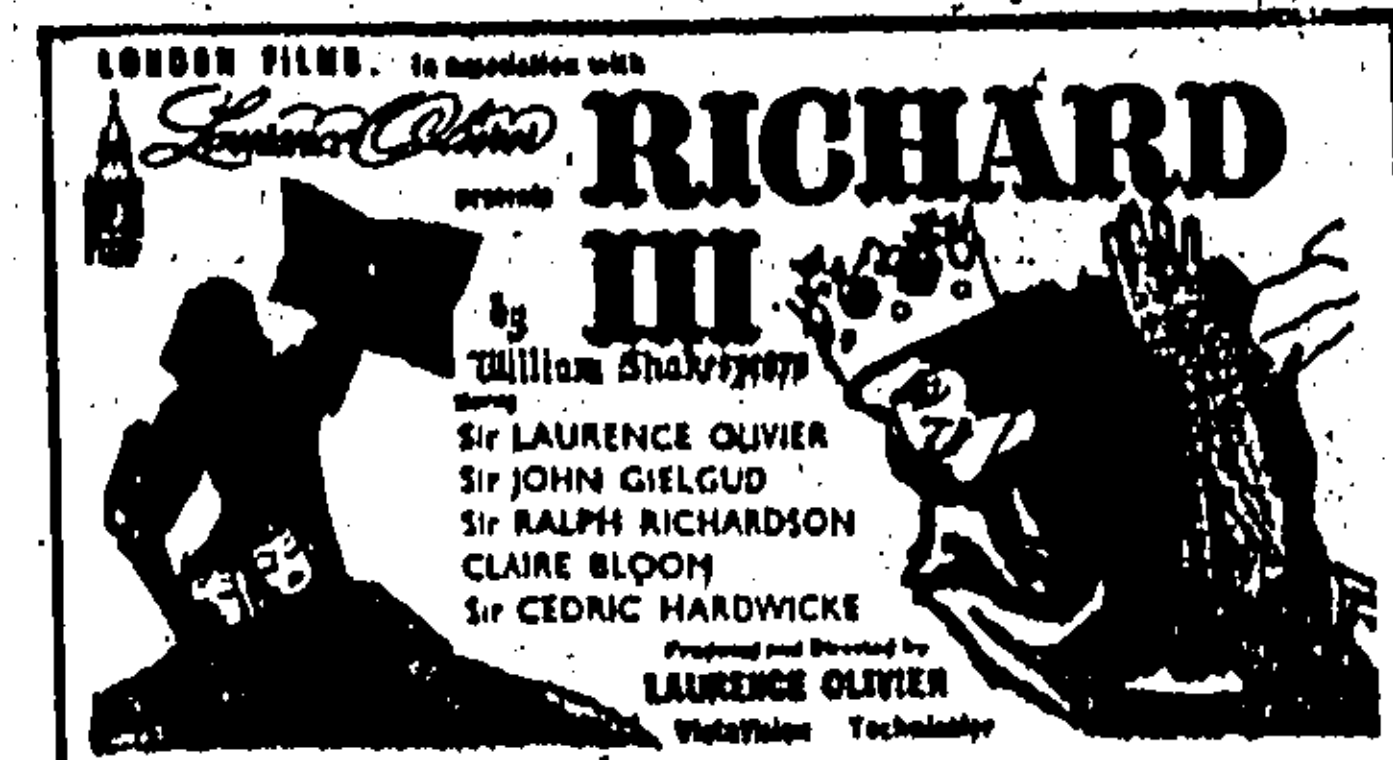
Canada realized that if Canadian units were withdrawn from the force as it was at present constituted, the remainder of the force could not operate efficiently since nearly one-quarter of it was composed of Canadians, the spokesman said.

There were some signs that Egypt was thinking seriously about the result of any such withdrawal, according to the spokesman.

Only preliminary reports were received here on the talks.

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AMERICA PLANS NAVAL FORCE TO COMBAT RED SUBMARINES

Said To Be Greater Menace In Atlantic Than Pacific

Washington, Mar. 26.

Admiral Jerauld Wright, Commander-in-Chief of the American Atlantic Fleet, today announced the creation of an "anti-submarine defence force" in the Atlantic Ocean to meet the threat of the growing number of Soviet submarines.

RUSSIA'S 'NO' TO GAZA PLAN

Moscow, Mar. 26.

Leonid Hychew, head of the press department of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, stated today that the Soviet Union was categorically opposed to the proposal to internationalise the Gaza area.

Speaking at a press conference, he said: "There are attempts to transform the United Nations from an international organization into an instrument for the occupation of the Gaza area. The Soviet Union is opposed to such attempts. The United Nations should be used to solve the legitimate rights of the Egyptian people in this zone."—France-Press.

Speaking at a Pentagon press conference, Admiral Wright said the new force would be headed by Vice-Admiral Frank Watkins, former commander of the American submarine fleet in the Atlantic.

The aim of the new force would be to meet the "considerable threat" of the growing number of Soviet submarines spotted in the Atlantic, he said.

The goal of the Soviet Union was to separate the United States from its allies overseas, and such tactics could be fatal to America's allies in time of war, he declared.

Certain Soviet submarines had been detected sufficiently close to the American Atlantic coast to cause concern, Admiral Wright said.

The Soviet menace was greater in the Atlantic than the Pacific, because of Europe's importance in the international political scene, he added.

AMERICA IS AHEAD

Admiral Wright said the United States was ahead of the Soviet Union in the development of atomic submarine. No Soviet atomic submarines in operating condition were known to exist, but the worst thing would be to underestimate the technical capacities of the USSR.

The new force would be able to count on the complete co-operation of the members of the Atlantic community. The exchange of information on submarine detection was complete, he declared.

He said the new force would be composed of submarines, aircraft carriers, escort destroyers and helicopters. All were equipped with the latest electronic devices.—France-Press.

IMPREGNATED SALT TO FIGHT MALARIA

Geneva, Mar. 26.

Specially impregnated salt may be used in the next round of mankind's fight against malaria, according to a World Health Organisation report issued today.

The salt, for human consumption, would be impregnated with antimalarial drugs as a counter to the malaria-bearing mosquito's growing resistance to insecticides.

The report, an annual review of activities by Dr M. G. Candau, the Organisation's Brazilian Secretary-General, said experiments with medicated salt had already shown what seemed to be encouraging results.

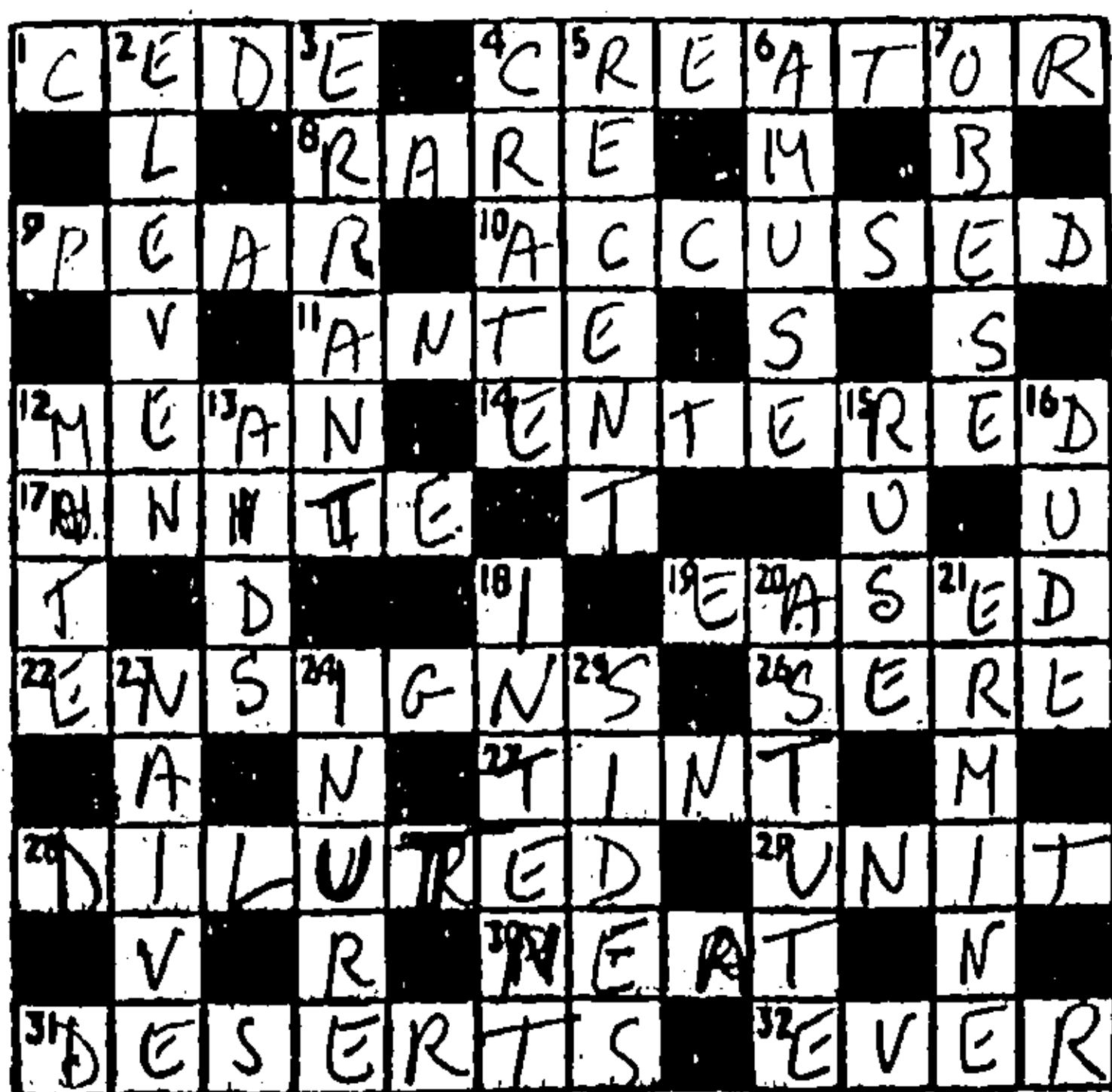
Dr Candau said that in some instances the mosquitoes had developed resistance to DDT and also to BHC insecticides.

It was clear that in such circumstances new methods of fighting malaria would have to be devised.

Dr Candau said a study of the efficacy of either Pyrimethamine or chloroquin mixed with common salt (added to the diet as a protection against malaria infection, was undertaken with the collaboration of the United States public health service, National Institute of Health.

It was not sufficient merely to control malaria, Dr Candau said. It must be eradicated. In a review of the progress made in the fight against many other diseases, Dr Candau's report said that "perhaps the most dramatic achievement in recent years was the development of a vaccine against poliomyelitis (polio)."—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
1 Yield to another (4).
4 Maker (7).
8 Uncommon (4).
9 Fruit (4).
10 Charged with crime (7).
11 Poker stake (4).
12 Average (4).
14 Came in (7).
17 John (5).
19 Relieved (5).
22 Flap of cloth (7).
24 Withered (4).
27 Colour (4).
28 Weakened (7).
29 Military body (4).
30 Clover (4).
31 Abandon (7).
32 Always (4).

- DOWN
2 Team (6).
3 Wandering (5).
5 Container (5).
6 Not long past (6).
10 Oliver (6).
11 Fat (5).
12 Dumb (4).
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20 Canvas? (6).
21 Slew (6).
22 Fur (6).
23 Ingenious (5).
24 Harder (6).
25 Flanks (5).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Stream, 5 Solid, 8 Power, 9 Hamlet, 10 Carat, 11 Stout, 12 Opal, 13 Roses, 16 Desert, 18 Traded, 20 Risen, 22 Mars, 23 Agate, 25 Pains, 26 Lagoon, 27 Order, 28 Means, 29 Slope, Down: 1 Schooner, 2 Remains, 3 Ape, 4 Mistle, 5 Secured, 6 Orator, 7 Inane, 14 String, 15 Sub-sides, 16 Dangers, 17 Solace, 19 Reason, 21 Title, 24 Earl.

ADENAUER MEETS NATO SUPREME COMMANDER



General Lauris Norstad (left) Nato Supreme Commander, shakes hands with Dr Konrad Adenauer, West German Chancellor, on the occasion of their first meeting last week in Bonn.—London Express Service.

P & O PLANS TO BUILD GIANT TANKERS

London, Mar. 27.

The first tankers to be built by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company (P & O) are expected to be put into service next year, it was announced today.

In its annual report for the year ended September 30, 1956, the company recalled that last year it decided for the first time to make a substantial investment in tankers.

The report said that though it was first intended to concentrate on tankers of about 18,000 tons deadweight, events during the year suggested that large ones could be a better investment.

As a result the group programme would contain tankers 18,000 to 19,000 tons, 25,000 to 27,000 tons and 47,000 to 49,000 tons deadweight with delivery extended in some cases to 1962.

NEW LINERS

Building of even bigger tankers was being considered. The report said that two large 27 knot passenger ships to replace ships on the Australia service of the P & O Company and the Orient Line would be delivered by about 1960.

The P & O Company had ordered a 45,000-ton passenger liner capable of carrying 600 first class passengers and 1,650 tourists from Harland and Wolff of Belfast. It was expected the keel would be laid next September.

The Orient Line had ordered a 40,000-ton liner to be named Orient from Vickers Armstrong of Harrow-in-Turness to carry 650 first class and 1,400 tourists class passengers.—Reuter.

Talks On Bases In Ceylon

London, Mar. 26. Ceylon's Minister for Home Affairs, A. P. Jayasuriya, left London by air today for Colombo after talks with Mr R. A. Butler, the British Home Secretary.

At the airport, he said, "We discussed the question of Ceylon's naval and air bases and he told me he was quite happy at the progress being made in discussions on their future."

"I think we can look forward to some sort of agreement on the question within the next three or four months."—France-Press.

Requiem Mass

London, Mar. 26. Hundreds of Japanese and members of the diplomatic corps today attended a solemn requiem mass in honour of the late Philippine President Ramon Magaraya who was killed in an air crash on Cebu Island on March 17.—Reuter.

Film Director Dead

Hamburg, Mar. 26. Well-known film and theatre director, Max Opulz died today in Hamburg of a heart ailment from which he had been suffering for several years. He was 54.—France-Press.

BRITAIN AND AMERICA MAY FORM MID-EAST INTELLIGENCE GROUP

War-time Association Coming Back?

London, Mar. 26.

Britain has accepted a proposal made by President Eisenhower at the Bermuda conference to set up a joint planning and intelligence group for the Middle East.

A usually reliable source said this today.

The group would function in Washington or London. Details had yet to be worked out.

It would pool intelligence information and exchange appraisals on Middle East developments on a long-term basis, the source stated.

President Eisenhower was understood to have suggested to the British Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, that this could lead to the war-time type of association between the two countries.

The two men worked closely together in the war, when General Eisenhower was Allied Commander-in-Chief in North Africa and Mr Macmillan was British Minister Resident in Algiers.

Influence Decreased

President Eisenhower's proposal was regarded as evidence here that the United States at the top level was as interested as Britain in putting into practice the publicised desires for a restoration of the Anglo-American alliance.

The British entered the Bermuda conference feeling that, though their influence in the Middle East had decreased, they still had much experience in the area which could be of value to the Americans.

The fear existed here that, while President Eisenhower was intent to restore the Anglo-American alliance, it might take some time for the American Government and State Department officials at embassy levels to re-establish close co-operation with British opposite numbers.—China Mail Special.

BIG TWO TALKS — WITH A PEKING SLANT

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

A Communist Chinese commentator reporting from London said that the U.S. President and the British Prime Minister ended their Bermuda conference with a communique "smelling of gun powder."

The commentator, Hsinhua correspondent Peng Ti, said the communique "confirmed American attempts to control British armed forces and turn Britain into an American advanced nuclear base by offering guided missiles."

Other charges made by Peng, according to a Radio Peking broadcast today, were that: "...the United States had refused to become a full member of the Baghdad pact while Britain was in the leadership, but with Britain falling in the background the United States now officially stepped in to take control of this notorious war bloc."

"...the agreement on guided missiles would give the United States extra-territorial rights in Britain for the manufacturing and use of rocket bases," the communique expressed the determination of the two governments to carry on nuclear tests and reject the ban on tests as proposed by the Soviet Union.

Leading newspapers in Peking gave prominence to the Eisenhower-Macmillan Bermuda talks today but said the British Prime Minister failed to obtain concessions from the United States and heal the US-British rift.

An observer in the Chinese Communist organ, the People's Daily, said the joint communique of the Bermuda talks "shows that the disputes between Britain and the United States have not been eliminated."

It said Macmillan "has not been able to get any real concessions from (President) Eisenhower as regards the Middle East question."

The Chinese Democratic League organ, the Kwangming Daily said the talks could not eliminate the "contradictions" between Britain and the U.S. On the contrary they "are bound to become more acute."

It said also that the relaxation of embargo restrictions (on exports to Communist China) "which Britain looked forward to" was not "seriously discussed in the talks."

The influential Tsing Pao said the U.S. decision to join the Baghdad military committee "has exposed the essence of the Eisenhower Doctrine."

"The American action is openly hostile to the Arab people and all Asian and African people," it said.—United Press.

Moscow Raps Critics

London, Mar. 26.

The Soviet Communist Party organ Pravda said today some party members are displaying an irresponsible attitude and lack of discipline.

Moscow Radio said the paper called on the party to strengthen its "iron discipline."

It was the latest indication of unrest in the Soviet Union and led to immediate speculation in London that it may foreshadow a purge.

No Deviation

The editorial warned that party members "must not tolerate even the slightest deviation from the party's policy."

Pravda gave two instances of party officials being fined—one for "irresponsibility towards work and refusal to obey party instructions" and the other for "violating production discipline."

Pravda said Communists have freedom to discuss party policy, "but freedom does not mean anarchy."—United Press.

'Asia's Growing Unity Curbing China'

Washington, Mar. 26.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today the growing unity and will to resist of the free nations in Asia had discouraged Communist China from using methods of violence.

Any lessened danger of war in the Far East was due to this factor rather than to internal weakness within Communist China, he told his press conference.

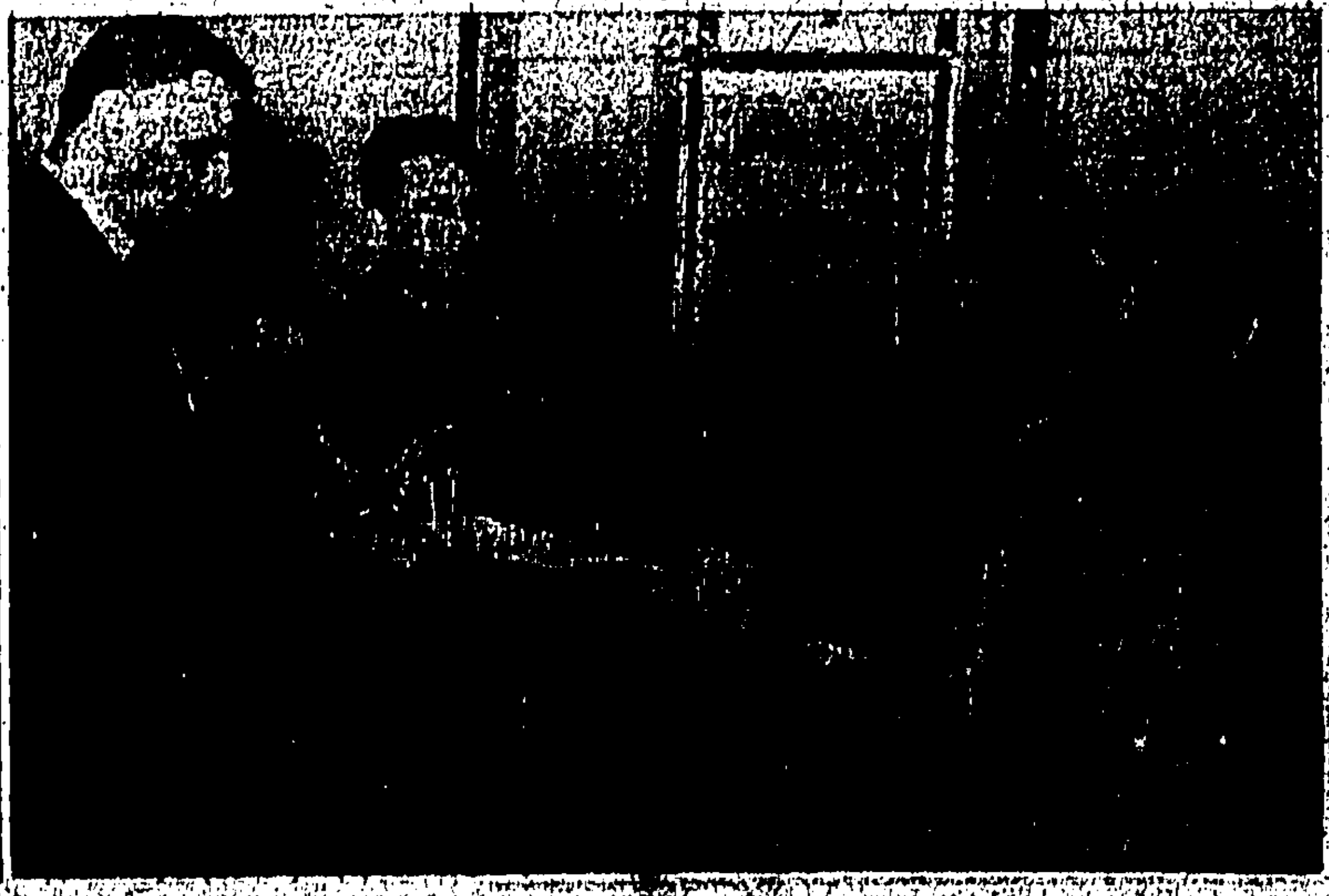
He said China had many internal weaknesses but they did not relate to a weakening of China's military power.

On the contrary, China's power had been increasing with the construction of strategic airfields, the building of railways and the growth of air power, he said.

The question of permitting United States correspondents to go to Communist China was still under study, Mr Dulles said.—Reuter.

Vatican Minister Presents Credentials To Nasser

Monsignor Silvio Oddi, the Vatican's Minister to Egypt, presents his credentials to President Nasser during a ceremony at the presidency of the Council of Ministers in Cairo.—London Express Service.



LIBERACE

This business of Liberace and his mother had better be dealt with once and for all. Lee has had to face too much ill-informed and malicious gossip about it. If a famous artist is to be allowed no private life—and that's the way it is in the world today—at least the details of it, the last pitiless probing into it, might as well be accurate.

Mom Liberace is now within sight of seventy, a handsome woman with much in her face and carriage to indicate how lovely was the young girl whom Salvatore Liberace loved and married nearly fifty years ago. For many of those long married years Mom faced the constant worry of caring for a family and running a home on too few dollars... so that she was exposed constantly to the nagging of mounting bills or the lack of essential things. Her life was bounded by the rent day coming round too soon, by down-at-heel boots that couldn't go for repair, by clothes worn out that couldn't easily be replaced by doctors' bills, school fees, tuition fees. Her life, it is true, was the life lived by millions of mothers the world over, in years when war and depression had shattered every-day security for the working people everywhere. Mom certainly has no complaints and she knows she did her job for its own sake, looking for no greater reward than a well-brought-up and united family. But is that any reason why she should reject the good things that have come her way? Of course not! And she shares in Lee's success as a mother should.

This second son and Mom were always especially close because circumstances brought them together during the most difficult years, when Rudy was too young (he was born in 1930) to share the burden, and George was often away with his father on musical engagements out of town. So Lee knew better than anybody how hard Mom worked to keep the home together.

That's why as soon as Lee had established himself and had

got together a little money, he bought a house in California, far from the smoky, industrial cities of his childhood, and sent for Mom to share it. She was then running an ice-cream parlour in Milwaukee, and she says one of her great memories is of the telephone ringing late at night when she had shut up shop and gone home to her lonely little apartment. This was after her divorce, and the family were scattered—Ann to her marriage, Lee and George to their careers in distant parts of the States, and Rudy to his military service—and Mom was (as she frankly tells us) rather out of spirits, even though she knew the children were now all established in life and no longer in need of her help.

"I wasn't surprised when the phone rang," she says, "because the children were always calling up to see that I was all right. But Lee's voice sounded full of excitement, as he spoke from Hollywood. 'Mom,' he said, 'come on over here. I've bought a house! Leave the ice-cream—let it melt! You're going to live with me now! Well, of course it took a little more time than that, but I went on over, and we've been together ever since.'"

Mom gets very annoyed at criticisms of this arrangement, after all the world is full of mothers living with their sons, and why shouldn't she live with hers? "Beside," she says indignantly, "they're all wrong when they say he's tied to my apron strings. We've both got our lives to lead, and I'm much too busy running the house—it's a big one, too—to have any time to be fussing Lee. In fact, it's the other way round. 'Mom, you're coming over to New York on Friday,' he'll say, or 'Mom, get a new hat for my concert at the Bowl! and I have to do it. Only time we clash

is when we both want to spend the afternoon cooking different things. Lee cooks fine, but I can't bear having him under my feet when I'm doing my baking" (Lee has an answer to that one: "Mom's a fine cook," he says, "but I need plenty of space when I'm doing something noble with spaghetti") and as for Lee marrying—of course he'll marry! Mom says, "and no one will be more happy when he does than me. But that doesn't stop me being happy in the meantime: so I get it both ways!"

"We'll build... Lee promised one day.

He called in Alvin Dingman, a leading architect, and one of the best local builders, William Stelksal. The three of them put their heads together, and a striking modern home began to take shape—eighty-five thousand dollars' worth of house. That was in the summer of 1952.

Dingman, who has designed some of the most attractive modern buildings in the West, says Lee was a client after his own heart. "Many people want a house, and they've no idea of their own tastes or needs—I might have to do a dozen rough lay-outs and sketches before they begin to see their dream-house taking shape on paper. Not Liberace. He knew right from the start, even down to details like the kind of kitchen stove. Many of the details of design are his, and so is the predominantly black-and-white colour scheme, which represents the black and white piano keys. Against this background Lee sets little colour touches of black and red—very often living colours of plants and flowers—which are marvelously effective. He'd made a first-rank interior decorator! Lucky for him, perhaps, that he preferred to be a musician."

The sudden illness of his bulid—well, come back to that later—nearly upset Lee's plans to be in his new home by Christmas, but a special effort by everybody (not excluding himself, who arrived in the middle of the bustle to install a huge decorated Christmas tree), finally got the last screw home and the last nail driven by Christmas Eve, when sixty special friends were assembled to do the house and its owner honour.

They admired the spacious living-room, which houses Lee's collection of miniature pianos—over two hundred of them, some exquisitely jewelled, and others scale models of famous instruments, like the one of Paderewski's which was a present from the Master to his disciple. They admired the black-and-gold dining-room, a superb pair of silver candelabra. And the music-room, severely practical, with its huge piano, its racks of tape-recordings (Lee records all his performances and spends hours playing them over to detect faults in technique, or to devise new techniques) and its library of piano-music which must include almost every piano piece of any merit ever written. Here, too, are recordings of the hundred of the older piano masters, led of course by Paderewski. It is a musician's paradise, that practice room; but few people see it for it exists not as a show place but as a business place, and the thing must be said again—a man like Liberace attains and retains his great place not by genius alone, but by application. Genius is the crude raw material; constant and never-slacking hard work is what makes it the shining thing it is when the lights go up, and the show begins. Too many artists have failed because they thought genius was enough without any further aid, and the gutters of the world are full of sad men playing violins who think the world has abandoned them, when it is their own defects that have set them there. It is true there is room only for the best at the top, and for one that succeeds a hundred are cast aside. But it is also true that those who reach the top in so exacting a profession as this of music, have reached it by superhuman efforts of concentration and sacrifice. That, quite plainly, is why Lee has never married.



"... and what does he think of his 'cavalier language' to me now?"

AN EXPRESS MAN REPORTS FROM THE LAND OF SIEGE

IT'S BA YONET RULE NOW IN THE 'SPICE' ISLES

I HAVE just been at the wrong end of an Indonesian bayonet. The soldier holding it was determined to show me who runs this tottering republic.

It was no use protesting. The army is boss today in Indonesia. It holds two-thirds of the country. In the remainder it arrests, censors, and interrogates at will. The Central Government has resigned.

The politicians have had their innings. They talked and intrigued and pocketed millions from the national till. Now it is the army's turn.

The soldier held me at bayonet point among the audience of an empty cinema.

"Papers," he said. The bayonet crept closer to my shirt. It



stayed there while I fumbled for my new Information Ministry identity card.

More armed troops guarded the street corner. A brown gun pointed towards the cinema exit. A bicycle patrol pedalled leisurely past with slung carbines.

So quiet

Djakarta was 'deadly quiet'. It has stayed that way ever since Prime Minister Dr Soekarno resigned and President Sukarno declared a state of war and siege.

The Ministers will carry on as "caretakers" until a new Cabinet is formed.

I glanced back at the cinema crowd. A pretty girl in a flowered sarong yawned—into the grim face of a soldier.

That was the mood of them all. Boredom—utter boredom. They have grown so sick of crises and chaos since the Dutch left eight years ago.

And with living standards sinking, they feel the soldiers could hardly do worse than the politicians.

Power is the prize in this nation of 80,000,000 scattered through 3,000 tropical "islands

of rice"—some rich in oil, rubber, and uranium.

Already army commanders have seized most of Sumatra, the Celebes, and Indonesian Borneo. Only in Java have they stayed loyal.

The men who beat the Dutch in bitter guerilla war have decided it is time to salvage something from the wreckage.

The only violence has burst upon the Indian Embassy. The owner of the house which Indians have been renting as a staff mess decided he wanted his property back. He hired 120 schoolboys who stormed in the other night and dismantled the roof.

Suspended

The successful rebel commanders from Sumatra, the Celebes, and Borneo are in Djakarta just now for talks with President Sukarno.

They will decide whether civil war can be avoided with colleagues who have stayed loyal to the Government.

The conference is suspended. So the rebels are holding a friendly tennis match—with Djakarta police.

Russell Spurr

Mrs Israel Goes Home To The Washing

New York. GOLDA Meir, Israel's Foreign Minister, is back again in the United States, battling for her tiny country, challenging Secretary of State Dulles in his headquarters at the State Department and mobilising public opinion on her side throughout the country.

Since she was last here two weeks ago she has become more haggard, her eyes blaze more fiercely, and her manner is more intense. The Foreign Secretary almost overshadows the woman.

In black

MRS Meir is always dressed in a plain black dress or a black jacket and skirt with a white blouse.

She disdains jewellery except for her plain gold wedding ring and the Israeli emblem on the lapel of her coat. Orchids on Mrs Meir would look absurd. Yet the feminine warmth is there and the tears can come quickly to her eyes.

She is a devoted mother to her son and daughter and was a wonderful wife to her late husband.

She is utterly absorbed by her mission to save Israel from extinction, to defy the Arab States, and resist the pressure of the United Nations and the United States.

She is contemptuous of the oil companies and has no desire to visit Texas, but would like to see Milwaukee, where she was brought up.

I have attended several of her Press conferences and she talks freely and eloquently and with a conviction that sustains her through her working day of 10 or 17 hours.

Own cook

ONE of her closest friends, Miss Regina Hamburger, who was at school with her, went with her to Israel, and who now acts as her secretary when Mrs Meir is in the United States, says: "Mrs Meir has little time for anything but work, and never has had."

The Foreign Secretary lives in a small hotel in mid-town. She cooks her own meals in a kitchenette.

Mrs Meir does her own laundry, which must make her unique among the world's Foreign Secretaries. Scrubbing clothes relaxes her.

After her long day in Washington or at the United Nations headquarters in New York she will drive to her hotel and work until two or three in the morning.

Tougher

If anything she seems tougher on this visit than on her last. Asked if she thought the United Nations had sold out Israel she said: "We will have to wait a day or two. We are not a nation that easily loses faith. The tense situation in Gaza is the direct responsibility of the United Nations, and if UNO has made errors, it must correct those errors. 'I see no reason why direct negotiations should not start at once between the Arab States and Israel. That has been our stand for years.'"

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WHILE half the world waits for Capitalism to destroy itself—did not Lenin say it carries the seeds of its own destruction?—and the other half waits for Communism to destroy itself, all sorts of smaller problems are worrying citizens in Britain.

There is a girl, writing from the North of England, who asks an editor: "Should one remove one's gloves before shaking hands?" and a Mrs Beech of Cheshire asks another harassed editor if tortoiseshell have ears. Mrs Beech says she always talks to her tortoiseshell when they wake in the spring. Now she has heard that they have no ears and is wondering if she has been wasting her time.

I thought that the old problem about gloves which darkened my adolescence—when I wore gloves—as an out of date as the hansom cab. But if such points of etiquette still exist perhaps the following rules, learned by experience, might be helpful.

First of all it was essential to make yourself aware of the social standing of the person with whom you were about to shake hands.

If the person was of the lower orders—that is a person in trade or a manual worker—you never shook hands with him at all.

Indeed, you were not even expected to look at him.

If the person you met was genteel, but poor, a slight inclination of the head was enough to keep him in his proper place. If the person was of your own social standing you could either say "Excuse my glove" before shaking hands or remove the glove in the ordinary way.

But if the person approaching was above your social status you were in a fix. You might struggle madly with your glove, hoping to get it off in time, only to find he had mistaken you for a trades-

The recent statement by stag hunters that stags are happy when being chased has made me wonder if I have sometimes condemned hunting people when they ought to be pitied.

In other words, are they just a teeny, weeny bit wacky?

When, some years ago, a fox hunter said foxes liked to be hunted; it became a national joke. As you never find the intelligentia in the hunting field, I regard it as a sur-

more notice of several letters sent in by foxes.

They were all full of pity for the huntman rather than themselves.

One wrote: "It is quite true that we like to be hunted, but not for the reasons generally accepted. We realise we are being chased by under-developed people who might do something much worse if we did not provide an outlet for primitive emotions."

Another put his paw on the spot when he said:

"O s o a r Wilde's amusing description of fox hunting as 'the unspeakable in full pursuit of the unspeakable' contained a great deal of truth, like most williams."

"As we are not edible, and the huntman is not therefore inspired by hunger, we can only assume that killing us is the sublimation of a frustrated desire to kill somebody else."

"If we have prevented a huntman from murdering his wife we are glad to have been of some service to civilisation."

To sum up, the sooner huntmen are taken out of the saddle and put on a psychiatrist's couch the better for all.

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NATHANIEL CUBBINS

man and walked on.

I am glad Mrs Beech's editor dropped everything to find out about tortoiseshell. They have ears after all.

This will set her mind at rest, but as she seems so fond of tortoiseshell I hope she won't let them listen to the news. After a long winter sleep it would be a shock to hear about the Middle East crisis.

Are they nuts?

I HAVE my little worries, too.

prising bit of wit coming from an unexpected quarter.

Now I am beginning to think they believe it, rather like a little girl I knew who was trying to justify the enormous satisfaction she took in decapitating her doll with a bread knife.

She said, "But dolls like having her head cut off."

As the only columnist in the world who can count animals among his correspondents, I might have appreciated the true situation long ago if I had taken

MORE TOMORROW

Hongkong FA Soccer Fixtures For April 3-7

The following Hongkong Football Association matches have been arranged for period April 3-7.

APRIL 3

International Cup Replay
England/Wales Combined v. Portugal, Club, 8.30 p.m. Ref. S. U. Woo; Lines, R. Gray/Mak Young-fai.

Curtain-raiser: — Non-Chinese Ex-Importers v. Chinese Ex-Importers, Kick off 7.15 p.m.

APRIL 6

1st Div: Club v. Eastern (PP from 13.10.56), Club, 5 p.m. Ref. R. Webb; Lines, L. Chan/Lai Shu-wing.

St. Joseph's v. Sing Tao (PP from 13.10.56), Caroline Hill, 5 p.m. Ref. R. Gray; Lines, R. P. Browning/H. Morrison.

2nd Div: CMB v. REME, Club, 3.30 p.m. Ref. Lai Shu-wing; Lines, Dugby Lee/H. N. Tam.

Dorkyard v. RAMC, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m. Ref. Tsang King-hong; Lines, W. S. Campbell/Tsang Nal-bun.

B & S v. Gymnastic, Boundary St., 3.30 p.m. Ref. J. Moore; Lines, Lee Kam-chi/Wong Wah-kay.

Prisons v. Talkon, Stanley, 5 p.m. Ref. Wong King-chung; Lines, George Jor/S. E. Matthews.

3rd Div: Hollandia v. Rediffusion, H. V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. Mak Hin-tung; Lines, Wong Yuk-chun/Cheung Hon-ki.

Caroline Hill v. Dodwell, H. V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. Ng Yuen-wai; Lines, Yu Loong-kin/P. Phillips.

University v. Mercantile, H. V., 5 p.m. Ref. Li Pook-on; Lines, Tsao Hon-kit/Yau Wah-hing.

AFS v. C & W, H. V., 5 p.m. Ref. Luk Tai-sun; Lines, Chu Kam-shing/Cheung Tung-sun.

APRIL 7

Shield Finals
Seniors: KMB v. South China, HK Stadium, 5 p.m. Ref. A. H. R. Tucker; Lines, E. G. Dawson/R. P. Browning.

Juniors: RAF Sal Wan v. South China, HK Stadium, 3 p.m. Ref. W. Sanders; Lines, F. W. Bates/F. R. Prattell.

2nd Div: Tung Wah v. Solidors, H. V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. R. Madden-White; Lines, K. Macdonald/Chu Che-shing.

Telephone v. Tramways, H. V., 5 p.m. Ref. H. H. Lane; Lines, J. Gargetta/Hau Sik-wai.

3rd Div: CMB v. Kin, Godown, H. V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. Chan Ping-tak; Lines, Chan Shiu-chun/Wong Kam-fai.

Watsons v. RIL, H. V., 3.30 p.m. Ref. A. Mcintosh; Lines, P. D. Beales/Lai Kin-chung.

Alfred v. S & S Tammar, H. V., 5 p.m. Ref. Ng Chun-wai; Lines, J. W. Christon/Cloy Wing-chuen.

Duration of International Cup Replay 90 minutes. No extra time.

Duration of Senior and Junior Shield Finals 90 minutes. Extra time 10 minutes each must be played in the event of a draw.

2nd Division League Jarding v. RAF Sal Wan postponed.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

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of the Club

NEW PROFESSIONAL BOXER



Attacking the speed ball like a man who means to punch his way to the top is new professional boxer Terry Downes, pictured in training at the Thomas Beckett Gymnasium, Old Kent Road, London. He is to fight as a middleweight and will have his first contest — against Peter Longo — at Harringay on April 9.

Downes who is 20 and lives in Paddington, London, was a successful amateur boxer in the United States. He had 83 fights and won every title for his eight, including the Welterweight Championship of the U.S. Marines. He came back to Britain after serving in the Marines for three years.

Downes is to be managed by Mr Jarvis Astaire, who also manages Peter Waterman, the British Welterweight Champion. He is to be trained by Snowy Buckingham who, from what he has seen of Downes in the gymnasium, judges him 'the greatest ever... he's better than Eric Boon'.—Reuterphoto.

DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

Give The Eager Kids A Chance

It was the squawk of the town the way the English League side had been made to look the boob side of 1957 by the Scots. And the soccer-minded citizens of this country have not accepted this foolish show gladly.

They are, in fact, fighting mad! My sleeping-car attendant on the train homing from Scotland lamented: "These England selectors know as much about footballers as my lady of five."

When I paused briefly in my favourite London football-talking tavern before heading for Nottingham yesterday the customers snarled along these lines:

"England boss Walter Winterbottom couldn't manage an old ladies' outfit... the England players are more eager to get on advertising hoardings than to get cracking with their football jobs."

Well, that was the way the customers were raving. When I casually tossed the old inevitable 64-dollar poser: "What would you do, chums? silence filled the bar."

It is all right this bold talk of sacking everyone right down to the chap who sweeps out the dressing-rooms at Wembley, but who is going to take over?

PASSED BACK

That "What would you do?" question was passed smartly back to me.

I opined that we could do much worse than build our England side around the wonder team of Manchester United. I know the idea is not new. It was done in the heyday of Arsenal when Arsenal fans could cheer at every match.

And I could see nothing against having an England side selected right now and given weekly practice games against the top League clubs. I know that would present a problem but if we are not prepared to tackle difficulties we should get out of international football right away.

I would give young chaps like Sheffield United goalkeeper Alan Hodgkinson his big chance. Too many of these eager young kids have had their fighting heart broken by being tossed out after a brief trial.

I would promote centre-half Trevor Smith to a permanent place in the England team. Ronnie Clayton would get on either crack at right-half. And most certainly Duncan Edwards, the golden keyman of England, would be left-half.

A PROMISE

If this super soccer man is not the Footballer of the Year then I would buy him a medal. (Remember that promise, Duncan!)

For the rest, you could put in the Manchester United forward line (minus Elie man Bill Whelan) with Ronnie Allen of West Bromwich at centre-forward. Here is a rare player who represents being on the losing side. He plays his heart out to avoid such humiliation.

And if this present England side lacks one thing it is a teeth-gritting determination to succeed.

Beat an England forward and you know you will not be troubled again. Most of them really are a spiritless lot. It could be that they are treated too leniently, that there is no half-time pep talk or a full-time kick in the pants for failure.

This Footballer of the Year is getting us exactly where we are — into an unholy mess. Discipline this side. Drill them into shape. Cut out the lousy half-time pep talk or a full-time kick in the pants for failure. Discipline this side. Drill them into shape. Cut out the lousy half-time pep talk or a full-time kick in the pants for failure. Discipline this side. Drill them into shape. Cut out the lousy half-time pep talk or a full-time kick in the pants for failure.

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EARL HAIG SHOW BRINGS JOCK DINNING TO THE FISTIC CROSS-ROADS

By OUR BOXING REPORTER

The Annual Boxing Tournament in aid of the Earl Haig Fund will be staged at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in Kowloon on Friday evening and according to all reports it looks like being a great success.

This yearly fistic treat is something of a joint enterprise. The Hongkong Amateur Boxing Association looks after the arrangements in so far as boxers and boxing are concerned while the British Legion looks after all the facets of house management so that spectators can enjoy to the full the hard work of the HKABA's matchmakers.

The determination of the two organisations to make this combined operation one of the sporting calendar is all for the good of the Earl Haig Fund and the current predictions—and hopes—are that this year's show will be the most successful to date.

Both sides of the promotion team have done an excellent job of work. The bill, which contains almost every name that matters in the Colony, looks like providing a thrilling programme, and the sensible pricing of seats should surely guarantee a packed house.

It is always impossible to know in advance what will or will not be a good show from a boxing point of view but I find it hard to believe that any bill with names like Hancock, Parkes, Dickinson, Wong, Fong, O'Connell, Williams, Morales, McMenamy and Dinning in it can fail to hit the high spots, and I personally expect this particular venture to go on record as a huge success.

Individual honours Most of the boxers I have mentioned are so well known that there is little left that is new to say about them. Every one of them has proved his worth against the best possible opposition. We have seen them battle it out in team matches; we have seen them drive themselves on when individual honours have been at stake; and just as they will be doing again on Friday—we have seen them engage in relentless and punishing bouts in the street name of Charity.

I doubt if any post-war boxer in the Colony has caught the public fancy so firmly or had so much written-and-spoken-about him as has popular Joe Dinning. I have missed very few of his bouts since they began at the Club Stadium before he was really acclimatised to the strength seeping tricks of the exacting Hongkong climate.

GRAND SPORTSMAN With our hero has always shown himself to be a grand sportsman, and even if some officials think it is "nonsense" to say that he is on the decline or sometimes failed to live up to the standard of his earlier career, I think it is significant that Dinning himself has never sought to make excuses for temporary lapses of form.

He has accepted each decision without any betrayal of emotion both when he has won and when his efforts in the ring must have

been as big a disappointment to himself as to his many supporters.

Dinning has always been good "copy" for the sportswriters. They have praised him; they have criticised him, and I believe that their comments on his fistic form—far from being nonsense—have been honest and of the time, fully justified. On Friday evening there will be many exciting bouts on the bill but as usual there will be a very special eye for Dinning. . . . that, however, is the prize. . . . the penalty. . . . for being an outstanding personality. He has a great chance to prove the pessimists premature in singling his swansong!!!

Paris, Mar. 26. The Japanese men's table tennis team tonight defeated a Hungarian team by five wins to two in Budapest, radio Budapest reported. The Japanese team is touring Europe following its successes in the World Table Tennis Championships in Stockholm.

Yesterday, the Japanese women's team beat Hungary by five matches to three. Individual results of the Japan-Hungary men's encounter tonight were given by the Hungarian MTI news agency as follows:

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Manila, Mar. 27. The Philippines will propose Tokyo or Manila as the site of the Davis Cup tie between India and this country, the Philippine Amateur Athletic Federation disclosed through a spokesman last night.

The Federation also calls for the playing of the tie on April 27, 28 and 29. This was a counter-proposal to an earlier suggestion by India that the tie be played in New Delhi on April 6, 7 and 8. The Federation had objected to Delhi because of its grass courts to which the Filipino players are not accustomed. Failing agreement on either Manila or India, the Federation said that Tokyo would be the ideal site since both Filipino and Indian players had played on the courts there.—France-Press.

Singapore, Mar. 26. Singapore may send a soccer team to play in Ceylon in the near future, the Straits Times, a Singapore newspaper reported today.

The newspaper said Mr. M. H. Yusoff, a Colombo Football Association official has discussed the possibilities of such a tour at a week-end meeting here with Mr. Lim Yung-lang, Honorary Secretary of the Singapore Amateur Football Association.

Mr. Yusoff was quoted as saying: "Lack of funds is our biggest handicap. But if the Singapore Amateur Football Association will play in Ceylon then the profits we would make would enable us to send a team here."

Mr. Yusoff leaves for Communist China with the Mission today.—Herald.

Paris, Mar. 26. Soviet Middleweight World Champion weightlifter, Fedor Bogdanovski, has broken his own world record for the press, and for the three Olympic movements, the news agency reported tonight.

Bogdanovski hoisted a two-handed press of 135 kilograms, breaking his own record of 134 kilograms set up on August 28, 1956, and succeeded in lifting a total of 422 kilos for the three movements, thus breaking the world record which he set up at the Olympic Games at Melbourne in December, 1956.—France-Press.

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Ten of the side are from one club—Queen's Park—the only all-amateur club in the Scottish League.

The odd man out is Lee Locke of Queen's Park Rangers. By picking ten men from one club, the selectors might possibly have overlooked one or two of Scotland's brightest individuals. But they, at least can claim to have a team, and team work, not brilliant individualism, wins matches.

England selectors could do a lot worse than adopt the same principles and select the bulk of Manchester United's superb side to face Scotland at Wembley next month.

Talking of United, Matt Busby, the manager who is always thinking up something new, has ordered a new strip for his lads, to be used in major floodlit matches.

The kit consists of red shirts, red shorts with white piping, and red stockings, all made of fluorescent material.

United have asked the League's permission to wear this startling new outfit. It is expected permission will be granted.

One of the major problems for clubs playing under floodlights is the choosing of a strip of sufficient contrast to the opposition's colours and one that will show up under the lights.

Leyton Orient produced an all-white strip for one of their recent matches. My only doubt is that the red may not be sufficiently bright for floodlights. But United should know. For they are no strangers to red—their normal colour, although so many sides play in red that many of their League matches mean a change

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LOOKING AT SPORT

PETER WATERMAN INTENDS TO LEARN HIS TRADE RIGHT IN THE RING

By DENNIS HART

Peter Waterman is the smart, guy of British boxing. And not only because of his carefully groomed hair and tastefully tailored suits. Peter has realised that just because he is champion of Britain's welter-weights he does not necessarily know all there is to know about boxing.

Waterman, remember, was the lad who took that much-disputed decision from former World Champion Kid Gavilan, and lost the return fight.

"After that second fight with Gavilan I knew I had so much to learn. And I'm still learning," he says.

He intends to learn his trade in the one place to learn boxing—the ring.

Having fought Scotland's Jimmy Croll at the Albert Hall the other week, Waterman takes on Frenchman Sigmond Jayon on April 2. Two weeks later

he will probably have another fight. Three fights in a month. No wonder British fight fans are amazed. They aren't used to having a fighting champion around the place.

Reason is that once a chap is champion he wants to go forward. So he won't risk fighting a fellow countryman—unless ordered to defend his title—for there is just a chance that he would lose.

FURTHER HONOURS

And that would be a decided step backwards. It could cost

him the chance of further honours.

Yet this is just the chance that Waterman is taking. He is directly in line for a crack at the European crown held by Italy's Emilio Marconi. The Italians are anxious to have Waterman as the challenger. They are prepared to pay £2,000 for the privilege.

But how much would they pay to see a beaten Waterman, beaten by an unknown? It's not so much a question of how much they would pay but of whether they would pay at all.

Why does Waterman take the risk? Why not keep out of trouble by not fighting?

Because the security he would gain would be false security. He would keep his record intact all right, but at the cost of improving his boxing education.

And when the big test came Waterman would probably have been found wanting, as have so many British champions.

TEST SERIES

A decision taken the other week by a curate in a North London church can help England win the Test series against the West Indies this summer.

The church is St Mary's. The curate is the Reverend David Sheppard. The decision was to take his holidays in the period covering the fourth and fifth Tests.

Last year David took his holidays in time to boost England's batting to the tune of a century in the fourth Test at Manchester and a classic 62 in the final match at the Oval.

In the recent series in South Africa England's batting proved to be as brittle as ever. Come the fourth Test against the West Indies England may once more welcome back David Sheppard to the green pastures of Trent Bridge.

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Emil Zatopek Says He's Too Old To Run

Prague, Mar. 26.

Emil Zatopek, Czechoslovakia's triple gold medal winner at the Helsinki Olympics, declared here today that he would no longer run in international competitions.

The 36-year-old athlete said: "I am too old now. I don't feel on form at the moment and I would like to rest until May, at least. From now to then, young runners will be making their mark and could replace me."

Zatopek, who is still theoretically a member of the Czech national team, leaves here on Friday as coach to the Czech team competing in the annual international cross country race in Paris the following Sunday.

Zatopek, who is married to Zatopekova, winner of the women's javelin throw at the Helsinki games, added: "My dream has always been to devote more of my time to family life. I will always remain an athlete and will try as long as I can to run for pleasure or in local competitions."

Zatopek, who is a Lieutenant-Colonel in the sports section of the Czech army, said he wanted to continue his army career but in another branch.—France-Press.



The Army Sports Parade award this week goes to the Army North team, winners of the Second Division Cricket League. They have won 18 of their 23 matches, drawn three, and only lost two, a remarkably good performance in a league where keenness is such that every match is a hard-fought struggle.

It is perhaps unfair to select individual players in what has been a grand team effort and I shall probably incur the wrath of the team skipper, Major Lionel Barker, but mention should be made of the remarkable bowling spells of Sgt. Bill Tittershill, RAMC, of 18 Field Ambulance.

As an example, in this last match, besides scoring a snappy 35 he took eight wickets for 16 runs, and I recall a bowling feat of a few weeks ago when he took seven wickets for one run. In all he had taken 10 wickets for an average of 0.1 and has scored 113 runs in three innings to average 37.6.

Mention should also be made of some departed members of the team who have played a part in this victory. I call to mind S/Sgt. Jesse Jessop, RE, who, as a member of the Army, was a fine fielder of any Colony side, who also did well with the bat, as did Lieut. David Green who produced three innings of over fifty and left with an average of over 40.

Bell and Wise of 7 Hussars played their part before being promoted to the 'A' side and when all these casualties occurred the Green Howards stepped in with players quick as good as those departing and so maintained Army North in the proud position at the top of the table.

Major Mark Dewing 2/7 Gurkha Rifles has been a constant run-getter, a thorough understanding of the fielding of Richardson, DCRE West, and Daloo, 7 Hussars, has been more than keen on all occasions.

More so, perhaps, than in any other game the captaincy of a Cricket XI is vital for success and the cricketing knowledge and personality of the 'Skipper' can make all the difference between victory and defeat. I am sure all the team agree with me that the handling of the Army North team by Major Lionel Barker has inspired them to reach the heights they have, and a large measure of the praise is rightly his. Well done, Army North!

SMALLBORE LEAGUE

Attention, all enthusiastic small bore marksmen! At the Hongkong Gun Club, Castle Peak Road (7 1/2 miles), next Saturday, March 30, starting at 10.00hrs., the Army selectors will be in attendance to find two teams for the Colony small-bore league which starts on Saturday, April 6.

Ten teams have entered this League and will compete on alternate Saturdays.

All are welcome to try their aim at this selection meeting, and while it would help if intending firers could let S/Sgt. A.E. Clarke, REME, of 6 COD know of their intentions, this should not stop anyone who has forgotten to do so from attending.

An inter-Colony full bore postal shoot will be fired on Sunday, March 31. For mystified readers who may think Postal shooting involves the setting up of local GPO employees for slaughter, let me hasten to add that the Hongkong team fire at ordinary targets on the Kai Tak range and then forward the result to the organisers. All other Colonies entered do the same. It is hoped that the local team will progress to the final stages.

Before two Presidents, P. Williams, Esq., and Lieut. Jack Sheppard, RN, the Army Fencing Championships got under way yesterday and will continue this morning and afternoon at the European YMCA in an effort to find the masters of the foil, epee, and sabre. The entries this year have not been as high as one would wish, but a total of 21 will do battle for the coveted awards.

In the basketball world the Hongkong champions, the HK Chinese Training Unit, have been informed that the Singapore Engineer Rgt. will represent Singapore, and a Gurkha battalion will carry the flag for Malaya. Both these teams arrive in the near future and the three teams meet here in a competition run on a league basis to determine the FARELF Basketball champions for 1956/7.

EARL HAIG FUND TOURNEY
This is your last reminder that the British Legion Earl Haig Fund boxing tournament will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Kowloon, on Friday next, commencing at 20.00hrs.

Although both radio and press will be present and will describe the proceedings, seeing is believing, and think of the advantage

you will have when controversial matters (and there always are such things) are discussed. Your opinion as one of a 'hard on the radio' or 'soft in the paper' critic, get off your marks early and make for Kowloon Stadium on Friday evening.

The bill of fare is not yet finalised but the main framework looks very attractive. That fine boxer and sportsman, L/Cpl. Walter Dimming, meets a newcomer with a high reputation in Spr. James Arnold, and if all reports are true Walter will have his work cut out to subdue him.

Another newcomer, Capt. Dennis Gould, Green Howards meets in the heavy division the improving LAC O'Connell, and if last month's heavy contest is repeated spectators will get value for money.

MOST ATTRACTIVE
Perhaps the most attractive bout of the evening brings Cpl. Brian Mack locks out his hermit retreat to face Bmd. Larry Parkes.

Brian, reigning FARELF welter champion, and undefeated in all his Army contests, will have to be in top form to take the honours. His long lay-off from boxing may well be a deciding factor, and although I refuse to forecast the final result I do forecast a bout full of boxing and fighting skills from these two excellent lads.

Another topliner is a return contest between Cpl. John McMenamin and L/Bdr. Dick Dickenson. This will produce a hard-hitting battle of wits and on this occasion I will be daring and venture at least ten cents that John will be announced the winner.

An attractive-looking bout sees Cpl. Jim Lawson take on L/Cpl. Bill Henderson, and if the latter has learned the lesson from his last outing he could well be on the winning side this time.

Many other boxers are lined up, including local favourites Cpl. Speedy Morales, Tong Ko-kong, Ken Mo, Wong Peking, and others, and I consider the admission charges for this tournament are quite inadequate. For the talent provided they should be at least doubled, so get your seats booked early before the organisers before their error and put the prices up for what promises to be a really grand evening's boxing.

The monthly meeting of the Army FA Referees' Association will be held at the MAAFI Club, Chatham Road, on Saturday, March 30, commencing at 10.15hrs.

All registered referees should make an effort to attend, and anyone interested either as a prospective referee or inquisitive player is cordially invited. A discussion on the laws of the game will be the main business of the meeting.

SIX-A-SIDE HOCKEY
The defeat of both the unit and Army hockey teams by their Singapore counterparts made disappointing news, and we were with interest the match details. Meanwhile hockey officers are reminded that entries have closed for the six-a-side tournament to be held at Sookumpoo on April 7, commencing at 14.00hrs. Should you have forgotten to enter a team make for the nearest telephone immediately and contact Major A.E. Hutson, RAOC, at Kowloon Tel. exchange.

The rather novel entrance fee of one hockey ball will at least ensure sufficient balls for the competition. Incidentally, if any Royal Navy or RAF sports officer reads this column, you are cordially invited to enter teams, but don't forget the ball!

Now that the gentlemen have recovered from their victory over the ladies they embark on the inter-unit knockout four-a-side golf championship of 1957 for the Windsor Challenge Cup, at present held by HQLF 'B' team.

The first round is to be completed by May 1, the draw being: RAF 'B' and RA, byes, REME v. 74 LAA Rgt., Gurkha Rifles v. 15 Medium Rgt., RAMC v. 19 Fd. Rgt., HQ, HKHDF v. HQLF, 1 Green Howards v. RAF 'A', and 7 Hussars v. 15 Medium Rgt.

SHORT AGAIN
The popular skipper of the Army South team, Major Pat

WORLD OF SPORT

ROY McLEAN LASHES OUT ON PETER MAY'S CAPTAINCY ON THE MCC TOUR

By DEREK JOHN

Roy McLean, South African Test batsman, has made a slashing, scathing attack on Peter May's captaincy of the MCC on their recent tour of South Africa. McLean, who hit South Africa's only century in the five-Test series, in his forthcoming book "Pitch and Toss" accuses:—

1. "May often said in his public speeches: 'Test cricket should not be grim. The game is the main thing.' Well, his tactics did not tally with his public utterances."

"Indeed he went on record before the fourth Test (in the Daily Express) as saying his main duty was to win matches and not to pandering to public desires."

2. "May complained of negative bowling tactics, presumably by Trevor Goddard. But so could we complain about Bailey, Loader and Statham... defensive field placing put all of them in that category."

3. "This England team showed themselves past-masters at the slowing-down process, whether batting or bowling."

"It's unthinkable that cricket's headquarters at Lord's would have approved of the tactics adopted in the Test series. As captain, May must be held responsible."

McLean continues: "If there were few instances in which the letter of the law was flagrantly disregarded, there were many in which the spirit of cricket suffered heart-breaking setbacks."

"If May persists in this soulless cricket, he may continue to win Test rubbers and go down as a successful captain. But he could never be named among the great leaders—for they are bold and adventurous types who lift ordinary teams to greatness."

LANDING STAGE

Thirty-three-year-old Alberto Alberto dived from the landing stage at Rosario into the River Parana. Eighty-one hours and 229 miles later he climbed onto the dockside at Buenos Aires.

Alberto was tired, but so happy. It was the first time in eleven attempts that he had swum the distance.

I suppose it had to come. Football on ice. That was the sports news the other week from Newfoundland.

But this was not out of choice. It was of necessity in the bleak frozen Arctic wastes.

Ice football takes place annually at St Anthony, in northern Newfoundland. The fishermen and trappers hold a sports day and lack of a field does not prevent them holding a soccer tournament.

Footnote: A couple of days previously a Newfoundland ice hockey match had to be postponed. Reason: One team, due to travel to the match by boat, were ice-bound.

Bessie Braddock, MP, is soccer's new crusader.

Socialist Bessie, 14 st. 12 lb. and every inch a fighter, called a meeting of MPs to listen to the case for soccer tax relief in the budget, due on April 9.

Angela Buxton, Women's Singles finalist at Wimbledon last year, flew into London from America and said: "I may not be able to play serious tennis again."

AMERICAN TOUR

Angela cut short her American tour to fly back to London for treatment for an injured wrist.

"The trouble is that I have got very small wrists and they

Howard-Dobson, appears to be making a habit of almost getting his century. For the second time in six weeks he has been in the nineties, 92 this time, only to be run out. Bad luck, Pat!

Congratulations to Capt. Henry Bodson, Capt. Peter Tidy, Tpr. Bill Greenhalgh, and Pte. David Pettitt on their selection to tour Singapore with the Colony side.

I hear that Bill Greenhalgh has broken a little finger. We all hope that this will not prevent him from making the trip.

I wondered why the names of Majors Howard-Dobson and Goddard were missing from the tour list published a few days ago. Enquiry produced the answer that as they could not make the trip their names were not considered. This is bad luck for the players and the touring team, as both would have been more than an asset.

are just wrecking under the strain," said Angela.

She played in four tournaments in four weeks and "lost everything." Her wrist troubled her most of the time and she was unable to move it after the semi-finals of the Palm Beach tournament.

Angela is consulting the specialist who treated Denis Compton's knee.

Another lawn tennis star troubled by injury is American Budgie Patty who has been making anxious visits to specialists for advice about a "tennis elbow." Patty, who now lives in Paris, has decided to rest from tournament play until the Monte Carlo event at Easter.

Johnny Wardle hopes to be fit for the opening of the English cricket season in April. Wardle was England's leading wicket-taker in the recent Test series against South Africa. But a recurrence of cartilage trouble put him in hospital before the end of the tour.

The cartilage has been removed.

Whisper it softly, but women may soon be wearing the cricket flannels in England.

FINAL STRONGHOLD

The feminine invasion of this final stronghold of male supremacy has now begun in earnest. The other week women members gained a full say in the running of the Essex county club. Previously, like women members of other county clubs, they had a ladies' committee which could only make

recommendations to the all-male executive committee.

Now women can be elected to this committee, too.

The interest of women in cricket has grown considerably in England. This is especially so in Essex where many women travel round to watch the club's games. And they do watch and appreciate the cricket, not just use it as an excuse to get on with the knitting.

SOME LOST GROUND

Britain, who led the world in the high-powered motor cycle field, until the Italians came along with their super-streamlined models, may this year regain some lost ground.

In the Isle of Man TT races in July the Italians will come up against a streamlined Norton.

Nortons were the machine that used to run away with TT honours. But the Company withdrew support for the race because they objected to streamlining.

As a result Britain lost her best drivers to Italian racing stables.

Now Jack Brett aims to step the rot. Sponsored by Les Montagu of Beaulieu, he will ride a privately-entered streamlined Norton for the TT.

A soccer version of the man bites dog story. A London referee has just been suspended for punching a spectator on the nose.

The spectator had hurled abuse at the referee throughout the match. When he let loose another torrent at the players left the field it was too much for the maligned official. He just let fly.

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THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED

Notice To Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (second floor, Telephone House, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong) on Friday, the 29th day of March 1957, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1956, to confirm the appointment of a Director, to re-elect a Director and to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that an Extraordinary Meeting of the said Shareholders will be held on the same date and at the same place immediately following the conclusion of the said Ordinary Yearly Meeting to consider, and if thought fit to pass the following resolution as a Special Resolution, namely:—

"That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner, that is to say:—

(a) That the words "Two Directors" in Article 14 be deleted and the words "one Director" substituted in place thereof.

(b) That Article 133 be deleted and the following Article substituted in place thereof:—

133(a) All deeds or instruments other than share certificates requiring the seal of the Company shall be signed by two Directors at the least and countersigned by the Secretary or by some other person appointed by resolution of the Directors.

(b) Cheques and other instruments not requiring the seal of the Company shall be signed by one Director and countersigned by the Secretary or by some other person appointed by resolution of the Directors."

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 16th March, 1957, to the 29th March, 1957, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board
A. SOMMERFELT
 Secretary.
 HONG KONG 246 Mar. 1957.

ISRAEL'S RECLAMATION PLAN

Ancient Holy Land Lake Being Turned Into Fertile Farmland

By ARYE WALLENSTEIN

Jerusalem, Mar. 26.

The map of the Holy Land will be changed next summer with the disappearance of Lake Huleh after an existence of 200,000 years.

Even now, only a temporary artificial dam keeps the ancient lake in being. Commenting upon their action, Israeli engineers of the Jewish National Fund, who are supervising the Huleh reclamation project, explain: "We have merely accelerated a natural process. Had we waited another 100,000 years, the Jordan River would have eaten into the basalt boulders which choked its progress at the southern tip of Lake Huleh. But we could not wait that long."

In the shadow of snow-capped Mount Hermon, work has gone on in the Huleh region for the last five years. Now the Huleh Development Authority is ready to take over the once malarial-infested marshes and lake bed and to turn them into 15,000 acres of fertile farmland. Already this winter, farmers in villages north of Lake Huleh have seen their fields saved from the annual floods which used to destroy their crops and swallow up their farms. Water from the heavy rains has been collected and diverted into man-made canals. It no longer flooded over some 17,000 acres to the north of the reclaimed marshlands.

lake and marshes some 1,000 acres in area will continue to exist. This has been built to protect some of the wild life in the Huleh region. For this area used to be the sportsman's playground for hunting wild boar and stalking wild duck. Naturalists could watch the swift flash of the kingfisher, the slow descent of a turtle into the muddy water. Some 200 kinds of birds have been observed in the marshlands and at least 18 species of fish, while the profuse growth of papyrus is reputed to be unequaled anywhere else in the world.

The miniature lake and marshes will perpetuate this native life.

The other project still to be completed is the construction of waterworks to supply villages which used to draw water from the lake for irrigation.

When the temporary dam is at last removed from the southern tip of the lake, the Huleh district will become a fertile valley, with soil rich in peat content, easy access to water and plenty of sun.

Experiments carried out in the past two years in reclaimed parts of the swamps indicate

that industrial crops can be successfully grown there. As the Huleh Reclamation Project is nearing completion another project to divert the waters of the Jordan to the Negev desert is in abeyance. The relatively small diversion of the Jordan at Kfar Blum, north of Lake Huleh, constitutes merely the substitution of a section of the old river bed by a wider conduit but leaves the Jordan running south of the lake virtually unchanged as to direction and volume of flow. The other diversion, planned to begin at Gush Etzion, Yaakov, 16 miles south of Kfar Blum, is intended to carry a good part of the Jordan waters through giant pipelines to irrigate the wilderness of the Negev desert.

Opposition

Syria and Jordan oppose the latter project, which has already threatened to spark off major incidents and figure in the deliberations of the United Nations Security Council.

Work was "temporarily" halted on the Negev diversion project nearly three years ago, but Israeli leaders have often declared that they feel free to resume it "at the appropriate time."—China Mail Special.

New Experimental Sub



A view of HMS Explorer, newest British experimental submarine. The vessel is 225 feet long, has a squat streamlined conning tower. She is unarmed, uses high test peroxide in her propulsion engine and is said to have reached a speed of 25 knots under water.—Express Photo.

EBAN ASKS IS EGYPT READY TO END WAR?

New York, Mar. 26.

The Israeli Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Abba Eban, today said the main factor of the Middle East problem was whether Egypt was ready to renounce its state of war with Israel.

Mr. Eban made his statement before leaving for Florida to continue his vacation, which was interrupted by the Middle Eastern crisis.

Asked if Israel would agree to the stationing of United Nations forces on the Israeli side of the frontier, he replied that this was not the main question.

Critical Question

The state of belligerence was the critical question and it was a hundred times more im-

portant than any other, Mr. Eban said.

Asked if a settlement would require long talks between Israeli Premier, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, and the Egyptian President, Gamal Abdel Nasser, he replied that it would require nothing more than several minutes conversation.

Seven years ago the Security Council called on Egypt to renounce the state of war in conformity with the Israeli-Egyptian armistice clauses, Mr. Eban said.—France-Press.

DIRECTOR DIES

Hamburg, Mar. 26.
 Max Ophuels, the German-born French stage and film director, died in hospital here today from a heart complaint. He was 64.—China Mail Special.

TALKS WITH NEHRU

New Delhi, Mar. 26.

The Polish Prime Minister, Mr. Jozef Cyrankiewicz, now touring Asia, had a two-hour meeting this morning with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, at which the two statesmen discussed the international situation, particularly developments in Eastern Europe and events in Hungary.

A joint statement is expected to be issued tomorrow.—Router.

Canadian Defence Spending

Ottawa, Mar. 26.

Immigrants arriving in Canada find a peaceful country untouched by two world wars, and often lightly conclude that here they are far removed from thoughts of war.

Yet spending on national defence constitutes by far the largest single item in the national budget, taking nearly 37 cents out of every dollar spent by the Federal Government.

In a white paper presented to Parliament before the 1957 budget, Mr. Walter Harris, the Finance Minister, gave a breakdown of Government spending. Taking the National Defence Department, Defence Production and Civil Defence together, the percentage of outlay for these was 39.9 of all expenditure in 1956, dropping to an estimated 36.9 in 1957. The next largest outlay went to public debt charges, 11 per cent in 1957.

Striking Figures

Canadians themselves are largely unaware of the impact which spending for defence has had on Canada, particularly since the outbreak of the Korean war. Mr. Paul Hellyer, Parliamentary assistant to the Minister of National Defence, gave some striking figures in March. At the peak of the post-Korean defence effort, in 1952-53, 43 per cent of the federal budget went for defence spending, he said.

Even today, with the percentage down to 37, roughly one worker in every 17 full-time employees in the Canadian labour force is engaged on the defence effort, or 950,000 employees out of a total of 5,800,000, although only 117,000 are in the regular armed forces. The total of defence workers includes many in industry, such as 170,000 in aircraft production plants, arsenals and numerous factories throughout Canada and on various construction projects for the armed forces, such as the northern radar lines.

Mr. Hellyer estimates that 50 per cent of aircraft production workers have been engaged in filling defence orders while 60 per cent of all shipbuilding activities in Canada for the past five years have been the result of defence orders.—China Mail Special.

'Pacts Are Necessary'

Munich, Mar. 26.

The West German Foreign Minister, Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, said today that defence pacts without any aggressive motive were indispensable to defend and protect world peace.

Dr. von Brentano, who arrived here on his way to New Delhi from Sydney, said:

"I appreciate and understand the views of Mr. Nehru (India's Prime Minister) in this connection, but the problems that exist in the world make it absolutely necessary and indispensable to protect world peace."

Dr. von Brentano said he had had talks with Mr. Nehru when the latter visited West Germany last year, and he would like to continue the talks during his stay in New Delhi.

The West German Foreign Minister said he would also discuss the political, economic, social and cultural problems affecting the world.—Router.

Olympic Refugee In Miami

Miami, Mar. 26.

Dezso Gyarmati, captain of the Hungarian Olympic water-polo team, which won the gold medal at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, arrived in Miami today after escaping with his wife from Hungary on a false passport.

Gyarmati returned to Budapest after the Melbourne Olympics, but was then denounced by the trainer of the Soviet water-polo team as a "Fascist" and arrested. He said on his arrival here today that he had succeeded in crossing the Hungarian-Austrian frontier in an automobile with his wife, thanks to a false passport.—France-Press.

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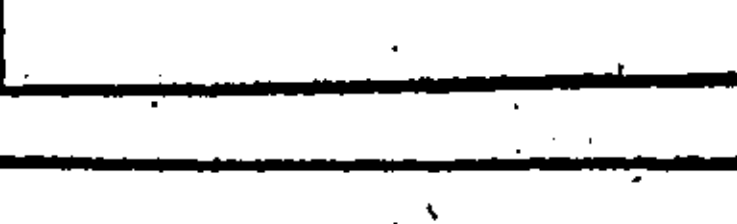
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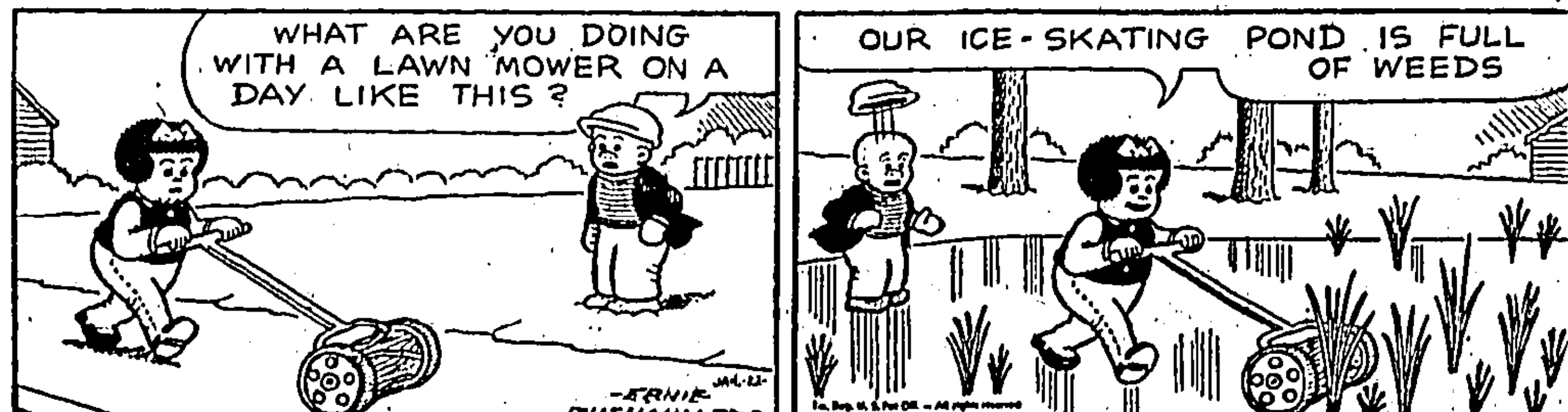
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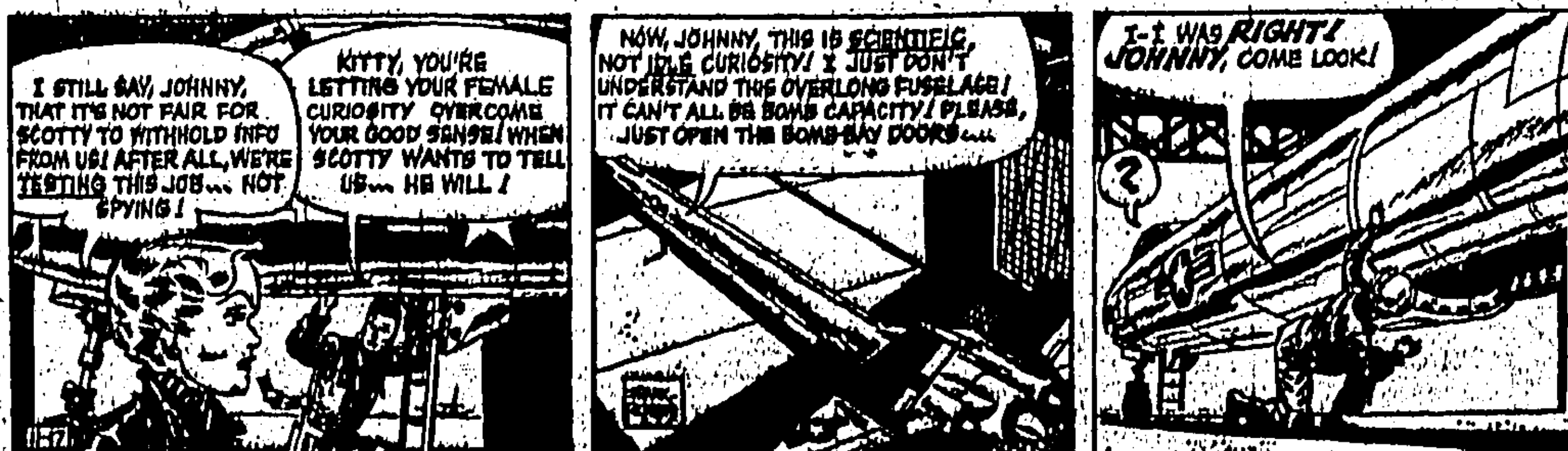


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JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins



...this situation calls for a San Miguel



TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

FRENCH FRANC OVERVALUATION

Adjustment Possible
With Start
Of Common Market

By SYDNEY CAMPELL

London, Mar. 26. Overvaluation of the French franc remains as before—hopeless but not serious. Formal devaluation remains unlikely because France's discriminatory import barriers and export subsidies give her all the benefits of a selective devaluation. Until these contortions become administratively unworkable she can pick and choose to her own advantage and to the disadvantage of her neighbours.

The securities franc is devalued abroad but not at home. The capital franc wherewith foreigners buy French securities in Paris is artificially held at virtually the full official rate whereas the francs obtained by reselling French securities abroad are at about 7 per cent discount.

WORLD
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MARKETS

New York, Mar. 26. Rex rubber contract closed 85 to 90 points lower with sales of 220 contracts.

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Stormy Passage

THE traffic streaming along the Pentonville Road was brought to a sudden stop. Brakes squealed, tyres screeched. A policeman looked to see what had halted the traffic. He saw a fragile woman steering a complicated course across the roadway.

As he watched, a heavy van added to a stop a yard from her.

The policeman went up to the woman. "That was very foolish," he said gently. "You nearly caused a very nasty accident."

I ABOMINATE DRINK

TRAIL and all the little woman looked, but she rounded on the policeman like a tigress. "Don't you talk to me like that, you little whippersnapper," she screamed, "don't you dare." Then she slipped, and she fell down. The policeman helped her up.

He noticed that she smelled of drink and that she seemed scarcely able to stand. He arrested her for being drunk.

The little woman, whose name was Gladys, indignantly pleaded not guilty to the charge at the Clerkwell court. "I loathe and abominate drink," she cried. "But had you taken any?" the magistrate, Mr. T. F. Davis, inquired.

THE CRUEL STREETS

"I had two brandies with my four-course lunch," she said. "Medicine, that's all. I can't stand brandy."

"Did the drink affect you at all?"

"Certainly not," said Gladys. "I've a bad back I have to cross the roads slowly, so I always hold up the traffic with my hand. I'm a sick woman and the police and the hospital are just dying to make a charge against me."

"I think you are an ill woman," the magistrate said, "and a little drink probably upsets you. But I'm not going to have police officers treated as you treated this one. He was very polite to you. This time, you'll be discharged conditionally, do you understand?"

"Pah," said Gladys, and she hobbled painfully away, into the

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

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THURSDAY, MARCH 28

By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kungming, Hanoi, 7 a.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m.
Japan, 9 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, France & Great Britain, 10 a.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Ceylon, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

By Surface

China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
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Macao, 1 p.m.
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Japan, Canada, 3 p.m.
N. Borneo, Rabaul, 3 p.m.
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Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
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Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.

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OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

LABOUR DOESN'T EXPECT TO WIN ELECTIONS

From H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Mar. 21.

Two points to emerge from the Federal ALP conference in Brisbane last week were that socialism is by no means a dead plank of the Australian Labour Party, and that Labour sees little hope of taking over the Federal Treasury benches.

The second point was made clear by the Deputy Parliamentary Leader, Arthur Calwell, when he said that Labour should maintain its ideals rather than change them with a chance of winning the election.

Generally speaking it was not a sparkling conference and little came out of it that is likely to appeal to the run-of-the-mill voter.

There were instances, however, which illustrated the silent rift among Party leaders.

A striking example of this was the new back-slapping, hearty laughing Federal Leader, Dr. Evatt, who finally has learned how very necessary it is for Labour's Parliamentary Leader to come down to the common level.

His reserved, academic air was gone; he attended every social function; and what is far more important, gave every appearance of enjoying them hugely—a far distant role to that played in past years by the former Justice of the Australian High Court.

He had not the slightest hesitation in removing his coat, or rolling up his sleeves in Brisbane's heat; he was personally gay, calling everybody Tom, Dick and Harry, wandering around with a glass in his hand and nibbling quite heartily at the various plates of savouries and what-have-yous that were being continuously poked at him.

A CONTRAST

But take the case of NSW Labour Premier, Joe Cahill. He appeared infrequently; stayed at various sessions only as long as necessary; made token appearances at social functions and generally played hard to get.

Maybe this was in keeping with the role of a man now being widely tipped as the next State Governor (the whisper which this column reported many months ago has now grown to something resembling a yell).

On the other hand it could be that the State Leader and the Federal Leader are far from seeing eye to eye on policy, particularly when it is kept in mind that the Premier of Queensland, Mr. Vince Gair also kept well out of the Federal picture although it could be said that he was something of a host.

To sum up the conference it could be said that Dr. Evatt, in spite of the fact that he has never looked like being Prime Minister is today more firmly entrenched as Labour's National Leader than at any time through his not particularly brilliant political career.

PLANE FOR SALE

The Commonwealth Bank has for sale one DC3 aircraft which it bought in 1946 from the US Government to carry the Bank's Governor and senior officials between various branches of the bank.

It was in 1955 that Mr. D. E. Fairbairn, M.P., raised the question in parliament of the bank owning a plane and accused the governor, Dr. Coombes, of "a scandalous waste of public funds" by maintaining it.

Mr. Fairbairn said at that period it was costing £10,000 a year to maintain and did not go anywhere that was not serviced by scheduled airline services.

In 1955 this was called "non-sense" and it was stated that the plane was essential for the smooth working of the bank's affairs.

In 1957, however, a bank official admitted that it had been decided to sell the plane because the speed and frequency of commercial services had reduced its usefulness.

It is not finding it particularly easy to get rid of the plane, however, and in Officialdom "overseas markets are being explored."

reported to be one of the richest in the world, will shortly be in production and when this happens, Senator Spooner said Australia would be producing about 1,000 long tons of uranium oxide a year.

This compared with 7,000 long tons a year produced by the United States, 4,000 by Canada and 4,500 by South Africa and less than 1,000 by the Belgian Congo.

He also announced that the nuclear research reactor at Lucas Heights (just outside Sydney) would be completed to schedule in 1958 at a cost of close on £6 million.

"This will be one of the most advanced pieces of research equipment being used in the atomic energy field," he said.

RAW (EGG) DEAL

Recently a backyard poultry farmer, having a surplus, sent 100 dozen eggs to the NSW Egg Board.

She got back a cheque for 5/9.

The Board valued the eggs at £12.4 but deducted 18/7-1/9 for handling, 3/11 for the pool fund, 5/4 freight, 5d for depot (whatever that may mean) and 5/2 "other charges" (whatever that may mean also).

GHOST TOWN SOLD

Boydstown, the ghost town on the far south coast of NSW has been sold to retired Dr. Ronald Stuart-Hill for an undisclosed figure.

Dr. Stuart-Hill is owner of a hotel in the outback town of Oxley and he plans to turn Boydstown into "the best holiday resort in the southern hemisphere."

Boydstown was built by Benjamin Boyd in 1842 as a shipping point for wool and live-stock and for a whaling fleet on the far south coast.

It was offered recently for sale by the present owner for £20,000. The price included 600 acres, the Seahorse Inn, a motor camp, 1 1/2 miles of private beach, three stone cottages, and several stone wharves.

The owner, Mr. R. B. Whiter, has run the township as a tourist centre for 20 years but at 73 claims he is now too old to worry about it any longer.

CAR CRASH IN MACDONNELL RD.

A blue Fiat car, AA-1842, crashed head-on into the cliff side of Macdonnell Road, at the junction of Kennedy Road, this morning, causing considerable damage to the bonnet and near-side front wing.

The car was turning from Kennedy Road into Macdonnell Road and swerved to avoid an on-coming car travelling from the east.

The European-occupant received slight injuries and was sent to Queen Mary Hospital, but was not detained.

Heroin Addict's Prison Request

A 40-year-old Chinese woman, Ma Mul-wing, holding a packet of heroin, surrendered herself at the Central Police station yesterday morning and asked the Inspector-on-duty to send her to prison so that she could get rid of the habit of smoking heroin.

Before Mr. Hin-sing Lo, Central Magistrate, this morning, she was fined \$100 or 20 days for the possession of heroin and \$30 or 10 days for breach of bond.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Didn't I tell you, Evelyn, people notice a girl who does unusual things—like walking for instance!"

RIOTS TRIAL: LADY JUROR FALLS ILL

The trial of 15 men charged with rioting outside the Pao Hsing Cotton Mills in Tsun Wan on October 11 last continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning with six instead of seven Special Jurors.

The only lady member fell ill, so Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, under the Jury Ordinance, ordered the trial to proceed with the remaining six jurors in the same manner as if the full number of jurors had continued to serve.

On trial are Wong Chung-yuen 33, carpenter; Woo Pong-you, 27, weaver; Xuen Chuen, 29, earth cooler; Law Ching, 42, tailor; Tong Too-tak, 28, weaver; Mak Ping-chau, 28, weaver; Keung Chung, 31, camel worker; Yeung Kwai, 41, farmer; Chiu Kai-yuen, 28, mechanic; Ho Yuen, 33, earth cooler; Liu Yick-choi, 38, cook; Wong Chiu-fook, 27, mechanic; Fung Chi-wing, 24, rubber worker; Nam Kai-ting, 42, weaver; and Wu Dii-keung, 20, spinner.

The indictment alleges that the 15 accused, together with more than three other persons, on October 11, 1956, at Tsun Wan riotously assembled together at the Pao Hsing cotton mills.

Mr. M. Morley-John and Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by ASF D. E. W. O'Brien.

Mr. V. L. J. Dalton instructed by Mr. P. D. A. Remedios, is defending the second, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, tenth, twelfth and the thirteenth accused. The other accused are not represented by Counsel.

SUPPORTING DEMANDS

Det. Sgt. Lee Ngai-ming of the Special Branch, testified that he was on duty in plain-clothes on October 11 last year when about 4.30 p.m. he saw some 30 girls and ten to 20 youths near the Pao Hsing Mills. They were singing. The girls were in white skirts and black blouses and some of the youths were carrying small Nationalist Chinese flags.

Sgt. Lee said he asked them what was the matter and he learned that they were supporting the workers of the Pao Hsing Mills in their demand for the factory to hoist the Nationalist flag.

He reported this incident by telephone to his superior and returned to the scene, said the witness.

By now he found the mob had increased and were shouting in an angry manner.

Sgt. Lee identified the first accused. This man was facing the mob outside the door of the mill. He held up his hands and shouted that they demanded three things of the mill—first, that the factory hoist the Nationalist flag all over the building; second, that the factory apologise to all the workers; third, that the factory let off a string of fire-crackers from the roof top to the ground.

SHOUTED APPROVAL

The crowd shouted its approval of these terms "Very good, very good," according to Sgt. Lee. He said that Staff Sgt. Chung Hon who was next to the first accused, told the first accused not to be so agitated and warned him that he must hold himself responsible.

Man's Injuries Described At Murder Trial

Medical evidence that the deceased died of subdural haemorrhage and fracture of the skull, caused by a blow on the head, was given this morning at the trial of a 30-year-old fitter, Chan Hon, charged with murder.

Chan is accused before Mr Justice C. W. Reece and a Special Jury of the murder, of a factory worker, Lam Tak-san, who died on October 13 last year — two days after receiving injuries during the Tsun Wan riots.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Mr L. Hu is defending Chan, instructed by P. L. Lam & Co.

Dr. Lo Wan-shan, medical officer at Kowloon Hospital, gave evidence that about 7 p.m. on October 13, he carried out a post-mortem on the body of the deceased. He found a laceration three-quarters of an inch long over the forehead and an abrasion on the left cheek.

There was bruising on the left half of the face, witness went on. Internally, he found subdural haemorrhage—haemorrhage beneath the membrane—inside the skull.

Death in his opinion was caused by this haemorrhage and by skull fracture.

Cross-examined, Dr. Lo said the injury to the skull was caused by some external force, not necessarily by a blunt instrument. He agreed it was likely that it was caused by such an instrument.

Asked if the injury might have been caused by a weapon weighing five pounds, witness said it could have been caused by something less than five pounds in weight.

Mr Hu asked if he could state what kind of weapon was used. Witness replied that he could not say.

Mr E. Warburton, chief health inspector, testified that he arranged for the removal of two dead bodies from Kowloon Hospital to the Hung Hom cemetery depot on October 14. The bodies were of the deceased.

On October 15, he said, the bodies were sent to Sandy Beach cemetery for burial. On October 16, he gave instructions for the grave of the deceased to be re-opened.

POLICE ORDER

Under cross-examination, witness said he had instructions from the Police to re-open the grave for them to take photographs and finger-prints. He did not say the Police why this step was taken.

DPC Leung Tak-lam said in evidence that he took fingerprint impressions from the body of Lam Tak-san at Sandy Beach after the examination. He turned over the finger-prints to Det. Sub-Inspector Koh Ah-chung of the Identification Bureau. The prints were produced in Court.

Chan Chi, Police photographer, said he took photographs of a dead body at the beach. Copies of the photographs were produced in Court.

Det. Sub-Inspector Koh of the Identification Bureau said he received two sets of fingerprints from DPC Leung Tak-lam. He also received an identity card.

PRINTS COMPARED

Witness said he compared the thumb-print on the identity card with the thumb-print included in the finger-prints given to him by the detective. In his opinion, the thumb-prints were identical.

Chan Sin-cheung, senior translator at the Supreme Court, said in evidence that three Chinese characters in the identity card were read as "Lam Tak-san." They could also be read as "Lam Tak-san," he said.

The next witness was Sub-Inspector V. O. Moss, who described in detail the disturbance outside the Pao Hsing cotton mill at Tsun Wan on the afternoon of October 11.

Defence Counsel asked: If witness could say whether the Police or the mob were in control of Tsun Wan between 7 p.m. and 12 midnight that day.

Sub-Inspector Moss said he could not say. The Police, witness explained, controlled some places and the mob controlled other places.

Witness agreed that the situation was confused and got out of Police control, and the military were asked to take over.

Wong Shiu-chun, engineer at the Pao Hsing cotton mill, told the mob how to burn the factory. Damage caused to the factory, he said, was estimated at \$50,000.

Alleged Smugglers

Wong Ho, 26, and Lee For-kun, 25, charged with importing gold without a licence, were further remanded for four weeks on bail of \$2,500 by Mr. Hin-sing Lo at Central this morning.

Defendants were alleged to have imported 594 taels of gold without a licence from the Director of Commerce and Industries. They were charged with importing gold on board the motor junk Wing On Cheung at Quatung Anchoke on March 24.

Represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart, of Stewart & Co., they pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Revenue Inspector L. Dunn, appearing for the Crown, stated that the case was fixed for May 22, and 23.

Steals PC's Revolver

Just after 7 o'clock this morning, a police constable on plainclothes duty in Southwell Road, Kowloon, stopped a Chinese taxi driver, asking him about a quantity of scrap iron he was carrying.

The man claimed to have obtained the scrap in To Kwa Wan and while leading the constable to the place he suddenly assaulted him and in the ensuing scuffle, the man stole the constable's revolver from his holster.

The offender ran away pursued by the constable but made good his escape. An immediate search of the area resulted in the recovery of the revolver which was found abandoned in a lane off Mission Road.

Radio Hongkong

6.30 "Women Only". A weekly magazine introduced by Linda Pereira; 6.45 Time Signal; 7.00 Summary; 7.02 Lucky Dip—Listeners Requests presented by Margherita; 7.05 Clock; 7.10 Music of the Week; 7.15 Courtship; 7.20 With guest star Herbert Ross; 7.30 Time for Jazz; 7.40 Time for Jazz; 7.45 Report; 7.50 Time Signal; 8.00 News; 8.05 Commentary or Stop Press; 8.10 Opera and Classical; 8.15 Wednesday Theatre. The BBC presents Willard's pickles as Courtship; 8.20 The Trooper; 8.25 The Story of a Fantomine Dame, by Jeffrey Segal; 8.45 Henri Rene and his Orchestra; 8.50 Music of the Twentieth Century; 9.00 Four Piano Pieces by Copland; 9.10 Music of the Billy the Kid (Copland); 9.15 Book at your bedside; "Cold Comfort" by Stella Gibbons; 9.20 Road by Audrey Kennedy; 9.25 10.45 Modern Sounds; 9.30 Shorty Rogers; 9.35 Promenade; 9.45 Weather Report; 10.15 Time Signal; 10.20 News; 10.25 Goodnight Music; 10.30 Memories; 11.30 Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

3 p.m. Wednesday Concert—"Café de Lumière" (No. 3 Suite Bergameuse) by Claude Debussy, played by Warwick Symphony Orchestra; 4 p.m. Mer by Claude Debussy, played by the Brussels Radio Symphony Orchestra; 4.15 D Major; "Pavane for Fugue in C Minor" by Bach played by the Brussels Radio Symphony Orchestra; 4.30 The Story of Bolle Orléans; 4.45 Tea for Two; 4.50 Strictly Informal; 5.00 Children's Corner; 5.05 De Lumière (No. 3 Suite Bergameuse) by Claude Debussy, played by Warwick Symphony Orchestra; 5.10 Mer by Claude Debussy, played by the Brussels Radio Symphony Orchestra; 5.15 D Major; "Pavane for Fugue in C Minor" by Bach played by the Brussels Radio Symphony Orchestra; 5.20 Road by Audrey Kennedy; 5.25 10.45 Modern Sounds; 5.30 Shorty Rogers; 5.35 Promenade; 5.45 Weather Report; 6.15 Time Signal; 6.20 News; 6.25 Goodnight Music; 6.30 Memories; 11.30 Close Down.

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